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OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA,

BEING THE

FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BEGUN AND HELD AT CORYDON, IN SAID STATE,
ON MONDAY THE SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER—1819.

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OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AT THE FOURTH MEETING
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF INDIANA,

Begun and held in the town of Corydon, on Monday, the sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen; the following Representatives appeared, to wit:

From the county of Wayne—John Sutherland, Robert Hill, and Joseph Holman.

From the county of Franklin --Allen Crisler, Enoch D. John, and Conrad Salor.

From the county of Dearborn---Isaac Morgan, and Samuel Jelly.

From the county of Switzerland---Samuel Merrill.

From the county of Jefferson--Williamson Dunn, and Jeremiah Sullivan.

From the county of Clark-- John F. Ross, John H. Thompson, and Andrew P. Hay.

From the county of Jackson--- William Graham.

From the county of Washington---Samuel Milroy, and Samuel Lindley.

From the county of Orange -- Samuel Chambers.

From the county of Harrison. -- William P. Thomason, Jacob Zenor, and John N. Dunbar.

From the county of Perry John Ewing.

From the county of Warrick---Daniel Grass.

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From the county of Posey-- Dan Linn.

From the county of Gibson-- Robert M. Evans, and John W. Maddox.

From the county of Knox-- Thomas H. Blake, and Joseph Warner.

Who, having produced their credentials, were sworn into office in the usual form, and took their seats

The House then proceeded to elect a Speaker by ballot, and upon examination it appeared that Williamson Dunn was duly elected, and he accordingly was conducted to the Chair.

The House then proceeded to elect a Clerk by ballot, and upon examination it appeared that William W. Wick was duly elected, and he was accordingly sworn into office in due form.

The House then proceeded to elect a Door Keeper, and upon examination it appeared that Andrew B. Holland was duly elected, and he was accordingly sworn into office.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that the House of Representatives have convened, elected Williamson Dunn Speaker, William W. Wick Clerk, and Andrew B. Holland Door-Keeper, and are ready to proceed to legislative business,

And thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Graham inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

Ordered, That the house proceed to elect an Assistant Clerk, and after the house had proceeded to elect an Assistant Clerk by ballot, it appeared that Henry P. Thornton was duly elected.

On motion of Mr Dunbar,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to furnish the House with stationary,

And thereupon,

Messrs. Dunbar, Ross, and Thomasson, were appointed that Committee.

Peter Allen, a Representative, from the district composed of the counties of Knox, Sullivan, Daviess, Vigo and Owen, appeared, produced his credentials, was sworn in the usual form, and took his seat as a member.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Harrison* :

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed to inform the *House*, that the Senate have met, formed a quorum, have elected James Beggs President pro tem. Henry Hurst Secretary, and Henry Batman Door-Keeper, and are now ready to proceed to legislative business.

On motion of *Mr. Ross*,

Ordered. That a Committee be appointed to wait on the Rev. John Shrader, and request him to attend immediately in the Representative Chamber, and open the present session of the General Assembly by solemn prayer.

And further, that the Senate be requested to attend immediately in the Representative Chamber therefor.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Ross and Milroy were appointed that Committee.

Accordingly the Senate came into the Representative Chamber, and divine service was performed.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee appointed to furnish stationary for the *House*, reported, that they have purchased of *Mr. Joseph Merrill*, six inkstands, at two dollars and twenty five cents per half dozen; of *Mr. A. Brandon*, one hundred English quills, at four dollars per hundred; and that they have received further proposals from *Mr. Brandon*, to furnish letter paper at six dollars per ream, cap paper, No. 1, at six dollars per ream; No. 2, at five dollars per ream; No. 3, at four dollars and fifty cents per ream; English quills, best quality, at four dollars per hundred; English ink powder, at twenty five cents per paper, to be paid in specie, United States notes, such bank paper as is redeemed

by the bank with specie, or notes on the branch bank in Corydon.

And thereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That the House concur in the report of the Committee appointed to furnish the House with stationary, so far as that report relates to purchases already made.

And farther, that the House do not accept the proposals of Mr. Brandon.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

Ordered, That the rules of the last session of the House of Representatives, be adopted as rules for the government of the House during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to furnish the House with stationary, be instructed to contract for such articles as may be necessary to enable the door-keeper to perform his official duties.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon his excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of both Houses of the General Assembly have convened, have elected their officers, and are now ready to receive any communication he may wish to make, and to know at what time he will make the same, if any.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Thomasson and Warner were appointed that Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomasson inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred in the resolution of the House of Representatives, appointing a Committee from their body to act jointly with a Committee to be appointed by the Senate, to wait on his

excellency the Governor, and that they have appointed Messrs. Harrison and Drew on the part of the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to act jointly with a similar Committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to prepare and lay before their respective houses, joint rules for the government of each house during the present session, and that Messrs. Pennington and Little are appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to act with the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to prepare and lay before their respective houses, joint rules for the government of each house during the present session,

And thereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs Ross and Milroy be appointed that Committee.

Mr. Thomasson, from the Committee appointed to act in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Senate, and wait on his excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two houses had convened, and were ready to receive any communications he might be pleased to make, report that they have performed that duty, and that his excellency will make his communication to morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to act in conjunction with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to receive proposals for the printing of the Laws and Journals of the General Assembly:

And Messrs. Dunbar, Allen, Ross, Graham, and Morgan, were appointed that Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Milroy presented the proposals of Ebenezer and Matthew Patrick, for the printing of the Laws and Journals of the General Assembly; which were as follows, viz:

For composition, fifty cents per thousand ms.

For press work, fifty cents per token.

Fold, stitch, and bind, as directed, twenty per cent. cheaper than the customary prices at Louisville, Kentucky.

The whole work to be ready for delivery in three weeks from the termination of the present session, provided that a copy of each weeks proceedings be forwarded to them, or to Samuel Milroy, in or at the termination of each week in which such Journal or Law shall have been sanctioned.

Which proposals were, on motion, referred to the Committee appointed to receive, in conjunction with a similar Committee to be appointed from the Senate, proposals for the printing of the Laws and Journals of the General Assembly.

Mr. Koss, from the Committee appointed to act in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Senate, to prepare and lay before their respective Houses, joint rules for the government of the two Houses, report, that the joint Committee have have discharged that duty, and have agreed to adopt the joint rules of the last session of the General assembly, as the standing joint rules for the government of the two Houses during the present session.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker.—I am directed to inform the House, that the Senate have resolved to concur in the resolution of this house, concurring in the report of the Committee appointed from both the Houses, to prepare and

lay before their respective Houses, joint rules for the government of both Houses.

The Speaker appointed the following standing Committees for the present session, viz:

A Committee of Ways and Means.

Messrs. Sullivan, Milroy, Ross, John, and Dunbar.

Judiciary Committee,

Messrs. Blake, Evans, Thompson, Thomasson, and Sullivan.

Committee of Elections,

Messrs. Graham, Grass, Chambers, Holman, and Crisler.

And the *House* adjourned till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock, Dec. 7th.

The *House* met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the *House*, a memorial of the county Commissioners of Dearborn county, praying legislative interference in certain cases, which

On motion of Mr. Thomasson, was referred to a select Committee.

Messrs. Thomasson, Morgan, Sutherland and Mad-dox, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Crisler.

Ordered, That Henry P. Thornton, who was yesterday elected assistant Clerk, be called into the *House* and sworn into office.

And thereupon,

He came into the Representative Chamber, was sworn in the usual form, and took his seat at the Clerk's table.

Mr. Ross submitted to the *House*, the petition of Alexander Walker and other, praying that the Presbyte-

rian Church, of Pisgah in Clark county, may be incorporated, which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Ross,

Was referred to a select Committee.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Ross, Jelly and Milroy, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Evans submitted to the House, the petition of David Milbern, and others, relative to the opening the navigation of Patoka river, which was read.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Was ordered to be referred to a select Committee.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Evans, Lynn and Salor, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Evans submitted to the House, the petition of Samuel Hall, and others, praying that a part of the town of Princeton, in Gibson county, may be vacated, which was read.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Was referred to a select Committee,

And Messrs. Evans, Maddox and Zenor, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Blake, gave notice, that he would, on to-morrow introduce a bill, authorising the county Commissioners of Knox county, to hold a special meeting.

Mr. Evans gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some succeeding day, of the present session, that he would introduce a Bill, on the subject of proceedings in ejectment.

Mr. Thomasson submitted to the House, an engrossed Bill, of the last Session, declaring certain streams therein named made public Highways, which was read and referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of David Milbern, and others relative to the opening of the Patoka river.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the

part of this House, to act in conjunction with a similar Committee, to be appointed on the part of the Senate, with instructions to draft a memorial to the Congress of the United States, praying that an additional land office be established at some suitable place in this state.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Graham, Merrill and Lindley, were appointed that Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Graham, inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Ordered. That a Committee for enrolled Bills, be appointed on the part of this House.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Ross, Merrill, Dunbar, Evans and Hay, were appointed that Committee on the part of the House of Representatives.

Ordered. That Mr. Ross, inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Evans, submitted the memorial of Samuel Adams and Betsey Adams, praying that they may be authorised to sell the interest of Joseph Adams, dec'd. in certain Mills on the river Patoka, which was read and referred to a select Committee.

Ordered. That Messrs. Evans, Holman and Allen, be that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of this House to act with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to memorialize Congress on the subject of granting further relief to persons who have heretofore purchased lands of the United States, and that the Senate be informed thereof.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Thompson, Merrill and John, were appointed that Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baird.

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have appointed Messrs. Cotton and Drew, a Committee of enrolled Bills to act with a similar Committee already appointed on the part of the *House of Representatives*.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire what amendments if any are necessary to an act entitled "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors;" Approved January 29th, 1818, with leave to report by Bill, or otherwise.

And Messrs. Dunbar, Crisler and Morgan, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Milroy gave notice that on to-morrow or some other day of the present session, he would introduce a Bill, repealing an act of the General Assembly at their last session, entitled "an act for the benefit of debtors."

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire what amendments if any are necessary to an act entitled "an act to amend the act entitled an act, regulating grist Mills and Millers;" Approved December 24th, 1818.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Dunbar, Sutherland and Lindly, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Evans gave notice, that he would on to morrow, or some other day of the present Session, introduce a Bill, to fix the salary of the Governor, Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, and other officers therein named.

Mr. Graham gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some succeeding day, of the present Session, he would ask leave to introduce a Bill, amendatory to the act entitled "an act declaring what laws shall be in force in this State."

Mr. Sullivan gave notice, that on Monday next, he

would introduce a Bill, to incorporate *Madison Academy*.

On motion of *Mr. Jelly*,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the act authorising regularly ordained preachers, judges, &c. to solemnise matrimony. and what amendments if any are necessary with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Jelly, Hill and Chambers, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Hay, had leave to lay before the House, the petition of *John Douthett*, and others, praying a new act, incorporating *Charlestown*, in *Clark county*, which was read.

And on motion of *Mr. Hay*,

Was ordered to be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill, or otherwise.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Hay, Thompson and Sutherland, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of *Mr. Milroy*,

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of passing an act prohibiting any civil officer acting under the authority of this State, from holding any office belonging to any Chartered Bank, and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Milroy, Crisler and Dunbar, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of *Mr. Ross*,

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Representative Chamber, for the purpose of receiving the Governor's communication.

And thereupon,

Ordered, That *Mr. Ross*, inform the Senate thereof.

The Senate having come into the Representative Chamber, and having taken their seats on the right hand of the Speaker.

His excellency Jonathan Jennings, Governor of the State of Indiana, came into the Representative Chamber, and made the following communication.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and
of the House of Representatives.*

AT no period, perhaps, since the operation of the State Government, has the situation of the country at large been more embarrassed, nor required more of the fostering interposition of legislative support. Though our citizens generally be much less shackled with difficulties than those of adjoining States, and although we can derive from such reflection no consolation whatever, it should nevertheless stimulate us to renewed exertions, by wise and timely measures, to avert public and private distress, so far as the ultimate good of the whole will render our object practicable and proper. Under the existing pressure, the extent of which is almost unlimited, we have however ample cause to call forth our gratitude towards the Omnipotent Disposer of events, whose goodness, during the past season, has blessed us with unbounded health, the enjoyment of peace, and a sufficient supply of the productions of the earth, notwithstanding the unusual season which we have experienced.

The subjects which appear to require more immediately the deliberations of the General Assembly, although limited in their number, are, for the most part, important to the community, and demand the united efforts of the wisdom and experience of the Legislature.

The system, under which the Revenue is assessed and collected, requires a thorough change to insure an impartial collection, as well as prompt payment into

the Treasury. The public credit must be supported, or the public faith will be materially injured. The former cannot be considered as secure, without the present system shall be materially changed, or gives place to another substantially different in its provisions. The assessment, under the present system, is unnecessarily and unreasonably delayed, which affords so much the less time for individuals to prepare for payment, and for the officer to collect the taxes. An annual assessment for state purposes might be rendered unnecessary, when once being faithfully performed, if afterwards, the owners of property subsequently becoming subject to taxation, by payment being made to the U. S. were required by law to report such property to the proper officer, for the purpose of being enrolled with like objects of taxation. The proper vouchers for the officers charged with the collection of the Revenue, should be placed in their hands as soon as practicable after the time required by law, for the annual payments into the Treasury; and their property as well as that of their securities, from the time of executing the bond required, should be held subject to the claims of the government, until they shall have been adjusted and satisfied. Such a course would render unnecessary the enactment of laws for the relief of collectors, so common to our statutes, by facilitating their collections while discharging the duties more directly connected with their official situations, and with much convenience to the people.

In the collection of the Revenue there is too much uncertainty and delay, when coercion becomes necessary, growing out of the present regulations. It is hardly to be expected that either of the Treasury officers should attend the courts, at different points throughout the State, to urge the legal measures for collection. On the part of the several prosecuting attorneys of the different counties, there is not such responsibility to the Treasury Department, as to secure the punctual collection of the revenue, in cases of delinquency. The frequent

changes in those officers, by the Courts in many instances, require that all legal proceedings, necessary to our financial system, be instituted in the County, where the Seat of Government is or may be located,—where the public records will furnish, at all times, such evidence as the interest of the government may demand.

Connected with this subject, a law authorising the appointment, and defining the duties and emoluments, as may be deemed proper, of an Attorney General, is recommended to your impartial consideration. Questions frequently occur, which require the aid of legal abilities in all the branches of the Executive Department. Sometimes cases are brought up to the Supreme Court, in which the State is interested, and no officer to prosecute in its behalf. An attorney General might be made the responsible officer, to prosecute and collect all sums due to the State from delinquent collectors or otherwise, under such regulations as may be prescribed for that purpose. To collect the revenue with certainty, and with the least distress to the community, is materially important; and it ought not to be supposed that the citizens will hesitate to defray the necessary expenses of the Government, when the public money is guarded with economy, and disposed of only as they, by their Representatives may direct. But those who manage the moaned concerns of the State should not be considered accountable for the public credit, if the necessary measures are not provided, and the power afforded to render secure such provision as may from time to time be made.

The resolution of the last General Assembly, “authorising the reception of bank notes for debts due to the State, and for other purposes,” is qualified to produce, and has in some instances produced difficulties in making payments to the Treasury. The paper of a portion of those enumerated banks have been current in one section of the State, and entirely the contrary in another; and although such notes may have been current when the Collector received them in payment of taxes,

yet in the lapse of a short period their credit may have been materially injured, and of course the Treasurer of the State neither authorised nor bound to receive them. When Collectors receive them, under the authority of the resolution, and the same instrument in such cases, requiring the Treasurer not to accept them in payment of the Revenue, any loss which must thereby accrue should be sustained by the State, and not by the public agents. Moreover, the practical operation of the resolution has given currency to depreciated foreign paper; and what is much to be regretted, has prevented the payment of the annual interest on the public debt.

The embarrassed situation of our circulating medium has produced effects distressing to the community, especially to the farming interest, and those who are indebted to the United States for the purchase of lands. The balance of trade in its operations against the western country, and the vast consumption of objects of luxury and articles of foreign manufacture, have chiefly produced the difficulties under which we labor. The late war with Great Britain, from our local and exposed situation, becoming in part the seat of war, necessarily threw into circulation among us a greater quantity of the circulating medium than we had been accustomed to witness, producing an inordinate disposition for speculation, which, together with the enormous quantities of foreign merchandize introduced into the country with the return of peace, have created numerous debts, and in some instances of considerable amount. The payments which these debts require, together with the payments to the United States for lands, have drained to a considerable degree, and will continue to draw from the country its most substantial capital; and it will be difficult to extend relief by legislative provisions without doing injustice to some, or interfering with long established principles. Whether additional time shall be allowed for replevy, after judgment rendered, and the bonds arising thereon be made assignable by law; or whether

the Creditor shall be obliged to accept the property of his Debtor in the discharge of his demand, at a valuation, will require the wisdom of the General Assembly to determine. If the embarrassments of the people should require the adoption of either course, both of which are encumbered with numerous difficulties, and more particularly the latter, that course ought to be preferred which would operate most impartially on the community. It cannot be presumed that present judgments can be effected by laws subsequently enacted, which would place the unforbearing creditor in a better situation than those, whose humanity and forbearance presents a different character. Besides, if the latter be once adopted, it will be difficult on the principles of justice, to ascertain the period when its operations should cease. The demands in favor of the United States on many of our citizens, which must be paid in money or subject them to consequent forfeitures, present a still greater objection to such a change in the satisfaction of debts, and will no doubt meet that attention to which it is entitled. Whenever, throughout the country, the amount of debts contracted exceed the means of payment, a general pressure must inevitably ensue, and the deleterious effects of which will extend to all the monied institutions of the country, as well as to individuals.

In this state of general pressure and alarm, the suspension of specie payments, which has become so general in the western country, has afforded an opportunity for speculation in bank paper, which has been practised upon the unwary and unadvised to an enormous extent; and it is now difficult to determine whether the situation of the banks, or the demoralizing practice of shaving their paper, produces the greatest injuries to the community.

The State Bank at Vincennes has recently furnished such report as may develop the concerns of the Bank and its branches, which will be submitted at an early

period of the Session. Whatever provisions may be deemed necessary by the General Assembly, in relation to the banks within our own state, it will be important to have a due regard to the course of the banking institutions of adjoining states, that no advantage may thereby be taken of our own institutions; and to guard against increasing incidentally the existing difficulties.

The Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company has made considerable progress towards the accomplishment of the object of their association, and should be aided by the resources of the Government. A Township of land situated in the county of Orange, which was reserved by Congress, and afterwards granted to the State for the purpose of making salt, has proved to be of no importance in respect to the original object, and with the consent of the general government might be sold, and the proceeds vested in Canal Stock in behalf of the State. The application of the funds arising from such a source cannot be objected to by representatives in Congress from other States, and it is hoped that the ultimate execution of an object so interesting, will attract the particular attention of the General Assembly. The dividends arising therefrom, might be directed to further objects of internal improvement, or the purposes of education, as the representatives of the United States and of this State, might deem the most expedient.

The Constitution has made it "the duty of the General Assembly, as soon as circumstances will permit, to provide by law for a general system of education." The lands reserved for the use of the Seminary of Learning are vested in the Legislature, to be appropriated solely to that purpose, and it is submitted for your consideration whether the location of such institution upon, or near such lands, would not greatly enhance their value, and enlarge the funds for a purpose so important. It is believed that the Seminary Township, situated in Monroe county, would afford a site combining the advantages of fertility of soil with a healthy climate, as well as a

position sufficiently central to the various sections of the State. To authorise the sale of a portion of those lands, under judicious regulations, would increase the value of the residue, and the sooner enable us to lay the foundation of an institution so desirable. But the proceeds of such sale, however, by the ninth article of the Constitution, is required to be, and *remain*, a fund for the exclusive purposes of literature, which indicates that the proceeds alone of such fund were intended to be subject to expenditure.

The money which has been and will be paid as an equivalent by persons exempt from militia duty, except in times of war, is required by the Constitution to be applied in equal proportion to the support of county Seminaries, and renders some legislative provision necessary to effect such a distribution. To enlarge the means of education, by fostering the resources under the control of the General Assembly, and to hasten the period when those means may be practically and constitutionally applied, will merit your timely and judicious attention. The future reputation and prosperity of the State must greatly depend upon the means of education being generally diffused, and attended with the least possible expence. Ignorance has generally been the offspring of Despotism, and ruinous to the rights and liberties of mankind. When the exercise of the most invaluable rights, and the discharge of the important duties of freemen, are connected with ignorance and the privation of the means of education, the views which may be dictated by an honest concern for the public good are at all times liable to be thwarted by the designing and ambition. The blessings of liberty can only be appreciated, and rendered ultimately secure, when, by the means of education, useful information is generally diffused. Its importance will be obvious to the Legislature, and will no doubt, receive that consideration which its consequence and beneficial results may require.

The opening and improving of public roads and highways, presents itself, as another subject of general in-

terest. The recent population and improvement of a considerable portion of the State, adds materially to the labor or expenditure to be sustained by the people; and with regard to the different modes which have been suggested, and the various objections to them, from being more generally acquainted with the situation of the country, and the feelings of the community, you will be better able to decide in relation thereto, what provisions, if any, should be necessary.

The militia law may require amendments, and particularly with regard to the time required for making returns to the office of the Adjutant General, of the strength and situation of the Militia. Returns should be made at an earlier period and some provision calculated the better to enforce the discharge of this duty, seems to be necessary. A want of strict attention to the inspection and return of the numbers of our Militia, has deprived the State of a considerable portion of arms, to which the State would otherwise have been entitled, under the act of Congress, making provision for arming and equipping the Militia of the United States.

Difficulties have been often experienced between officers of Infantry and Artillery, when the latter is attached to the former, either for duty or parade; and the same effects are to be expected in relation to the Dragoons, under like circumstances. Considering the number of companies of Artillery and Dragoons, to authorise the selection of a Major to command each corps, would advance the public good, by guarding against difficulties not otherwise to be avoided. It is to be lamented that the frequent resignations of officers, and consequent changes of command, materially retards the progress of improvement in military knowledge. Of the officers, more time should be required to be spent in drills of the Brigade; and, until the officers are made more familiarly acquainted with what it becomes them to teach their subordinates, it is almost useless to require of the privates their attendance at the times at

present prescribed by the existing law. The business of the office of the Adj't. General is continually increasing, and requires an additional compensation, which, under the importance of a faithful and punctual discharge of the duties attached to it, is recommended to your consideration.

The late extinguishment of Indian title to lands within our State, and the progress of the United States' surveys, require that provision should be made to select and locate a scite for the permanent Seat of Government; and the manner in which such location shall be effected, as well as the number of persons to be employed in the selection, should devolve on the General Assembly during the present Session. The extent and fertility of those lands, has induced individuals to anticipate, in their settlements, the surveys and sales of the United States; and renders it necessary that a temporary extension of limits should be given to the northern frontier counties, to facilitate the execution of the laws. The additional population which the late purchase will induce to the neighborhood of Fort Wayne, as well as the interest of the present inhabitants of that portion of the State, will occupy a portion of your deliberations.

The annual report of the Treasury Officers, will afford you a correct view of the receipts and expenditures of the Government for the year past; and I have much satisfaction in offering the assurance, that the situation of the records will meet your entire approbation. From those exhibits, in some measure, you will be enabled to form an estimate necessary for the current year, including the interest on the public debt, which has or may become payable.

In the discharge of our relative duties, dispassionate discussions and an undeviating regard to the welfare of the State and the interest of our constituents, will, I have no doubt, characterise your deliberations; and in

every purpose calculated to promote these objects, a cordial co operation on my part will be cheerfully afforded.

JONATHAN JENNING,

Dec. 7th, 1819.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the Communication of his Excellency the Governor, be committed to a Committee of the whole House and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate will this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, meet the House of Representatives, in the Representative Chamber, for the purpose of counting the votes for Governor and lieut. Governor.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to furnish the House with Stationary, be instructed to contract for the printing of the Governor's message.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The House adjourned 'till 2 o'clock. P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Holman presented the memorial of Ephraim Overman, and others, praying a Road from Lawrenceburgh, to the river St. Mary's, at the foot of the Rapids, called the Race Grounds, which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Holman,

Ordered, To be referred to a select Committee.

And thereupon.

Messrs. Holman, John and Morgan, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the H.

of Representatives, that the Senate, have concurred in their resolution to draft a memorial to the Congress of the United States, on the subject of an additional land office in this State, and have appointed Messrs. Little and Drew, on the part of the Senate, as a Committee.

Mr. Milroy presented a petition of David Denny, and others respecting Banks, and banking institutions.

And thereupon,

Mr. Milroy offered the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the memorial of David Denny, and others, be referred to a Committee of five members, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the different subjects of complaint thereon, and that they have power to demand and receive a detailed report of the proceedings of the State Bank of Indiana, and branches, and other Chartered Banks within this State, under the oath of the Cashiers thereof respectively, and to send for persons and papers if they see proper, to enable them to discover the sources of the evils, and abuses complained of in the said memorial, as well as others committed with or relative to the subject of Banks, and that they have leave to report by Bill, or otherwise, which,

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Is postponed till Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the certificates of election of the members of the House of Representatives be referred to the Committee of elections.

Mr. John had leave to submit the petition of James Noble and others, praying relief for William and Larkin Simms, which was read.

And on motion,

Was referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

And thereupon,

Messrs. John, Ailen and Chambers, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that the House of Representatives, are now ready to receive the Senate, in the Representative Chamber, for the purpose of counting the votes for Governor, and lieut. Governor, and further, that Mr. Graham inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Hay had leave to present the petition of John Cane and others, and of William K. Richey, and others, praying the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Washington, Clark, Jefferson, Jennings and Jackson, which,

On motion of Mr. Hay,

Were referred to a select Committee.

And thereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. Hay, Milroy, Graham, Sullivan and Ewing, be that Committee.

Mr. Milroy presented a remonstrance against the petition last aforesaid, which was read, and referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Cane, and others, and of William K. Richey, and others.

Pursuant to resolution of both Houses, the Senate now came into the Representative Chamber, for the purpose of counting the votes for Governor and lieut. Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives proceeded to count the votes, but some difference arising relative to the two Houses doing business conjointly, the Senate retired to their Chamber.

And on motion of Mr. Thomasson,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the House of Representatives, that the returns of election for Governor, and lieut. Governor, for the county of Crawford, be rejected, not being sealed, and also the similar return from the county of Lawrence, it not being directed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as declared by the Constitution, and that the Senate, be informed thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomasson inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cotton,
Mr. Speaker.—I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred in their resolutions respecting the election returns from the counties of Crawford and Lawrence.

On motion of Mr. Ross.

Resolved, That the Senate be requested to come into the Representative Chamber, and finish counting the votes for Governor, and lieut. Governor.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof.

The Senate now came into the Representative Chamber, and the Speaker finished counting the votes for Governor, and lieut. Governor, when it appeared that for Governor,

Jonathan Jennings, had nine thousand one hundred and sixty eight.

Christopher Harrison, two thousand and seven.

Samuel Carr, eighty votes.

And Peter Allen one vote.

For lieut. Governor, Ratliff Boon, had seven thousand one hundred and fifty.

John De Pauw, had three thousand four hundred and twenty-two.

James M'Knight, had five votes.

Dennis Pennington, had two votes.

Christopher Harrison, had two votes.

And Abraham Markle, likewise had two votes.

Whereupon,

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, proclaimed Jonathan Jennings, duly elected Governor of the State of Indiana.

And Ratliff Boon, duly elected lieut. Governor thereof,

And then the Senate retired to their Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

Resolved, That a committee, be appointed to report a Bill, to this House, prescribing the duties and

power of joint Committees from both Houses, for investigating a contested election for Governor and lieut. Governor.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning, December 8.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ross asked and obtained leave to lay before the House, the petition of Thomas Ogle, and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Clark and Jefferson, which,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Was read and referred to a select Committee.

Ordered. That Messrs. Ross, Sullivan, and Graham, be that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to insert on the Journals the following statement, viz,

That no election returns for Governor and Lieutenant Governor have been received from several counties.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee of elections, reported, that the Committee had examined the certificates of election committed to them, and that they find the following members duly elected and entitled to their seats as members of the House, viz.

From the county of Wayne--Joseph Holman, John Sutherland and Robert Hill.

From the County of Franklin--Enoch D. John, Allen Crisler and Conrad Sater.

From the county of Dearborn--Samuel Jelly, and Isaac Morgan.

From the county of Switzerland--Samuel Merrill.

From the county of Jefferson--Williamson Dunn, and Jeremiah Sullivan.

From the county of Clark... John H. Thompson, Andrew P. Hay, and John F. Ross.

From the county of Washington... Samuel Milroy, and Samuel Lindley.

From the county of Jackson... William Graham.

From the county of Harrison... William P. Thomasson, John N. Dunbar, and Jacob Zenor.

From the county of Perry... John Ewing.

From the county of Warrick... Daniel Grass.

From the county of Posey... Dan Lynn.

From the county of Orange... Samuel Chambers.

From the county of Gibson... Robert M. Evans, and John W. Maddox.

From the county of Knox... Thomas H. Blake, Joseph Warner, and Peter Allen.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Mr. Sullivan had leave to present the petition of Middleton Roberts and others, praying that a road be established to lead from Cooper's Ferry, in Jefferson county, to the most navigable point of the Muskackatack River; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Sullivan,

Was referred to a select Committee,

And Messrs. Sullivan, Graham, Lindley, Chambers, and Maddox, were appointed that Committee.

Also, the petition of Samuel Graham, and others, which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Warner presented the petition of Bayle Butler, and others, praying that a Committee of five disinterested men may be appointed to fix upon a scite for the seat of Justice of Wayne county; which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Warner,

Was referred to a select Committee.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Warner, Holman, Sutherland, Ross and Ewing, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Ewing introduced a joint resolution of both Houses, that the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to procure a press for the purpose of preserving the documents of both Houses of the General Assembly, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of this House, to act in conjunction with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on his excellency Jonathan Jennings, Governor elect, and the Hon. Ratliff Boon, Lieutenant Governor elect, to inform them that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has declared them duly elected, and to know of them at what time they will take upon themselves the discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

And further, that the Senate be informed thereof, and a similar Committee requested on their part.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate.

Mr. Warner presented the petition of John C. Burris, and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Daviess and Sullivan, which was read,

And on motion of Mr. Warner,

Was referred to a select Committee.

Ordered. That Messrs. Warner, Allen, and Chambers, be that Committee.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of John Vance, and others, praying that a part of the river Muskackatack, be declared navigable,

Which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Milburn, and others.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Messrs. Sullivan, Graham, Milroy and Thomasson, were added to that Committee.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of Thomas Armstrong, and others, praying further pay for the same.

gers, commanded by Captain Bigger, which was read, and referred to a select Committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Thompson, Merrill and Lynn be that Committee.

Mr. Chambers presented the petition of John B. Myers, and others, praying a road from Albany to Terre Haute, which was read.

On motion,

Was referred to a select Committee.

Ordered. That Messrs. Chambers, Hay, Allen, Milroy and Dunbar, be that Committee.

Mr. Ewing presented the petition of Elisha Latimer, and others, respecting land appropriated to the use of Schools, which was read, and

On motion, was

Ordered To be referred to a select Committee.

And thereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. Ewing, Evans and Grass, be appointed that Committee.

Mr. Morgan gave notice, that on to-morrow he would introduce a Bill creating the office of a Master in Chancery.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what amendments are necessary to the existing laws of this state, relative to School Lands, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise, which was read, and referred to a select Committee.

Ordered. That Messrs. Evans, Morgan, Milroy, Sullivan and Hill, be that Committee.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of Isreal T. Canby and others, praying a road from Madison to Vernon, which was read, and referred to a select Committee.

Ordered. That Messrs. Sullivan, Crisler and Jelly, be that Committee.

Mr. Jelly presented the petition of James A. Walton, and others, praying that the corporation of Aurora be

extended, which was read and referred to a Committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Jelly, Merrill and Morgan, be that Committee.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Secretary of State, viz.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Indiana.

SIR—In conformity to an existing law of the State of Indiana, the Secretary thereof represents, that a contract has been entered into with Rueben Little, to furnish the General Assembly with fuel during the present session, at eighty seven and one half cents per day, and for the performance whereof, bond and approved security has been given.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully, sir,
your obedient servant.

R. A. NEW.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan,

Ordered, That Mr. Evans be added to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Blake, agreeably to notice, had leave to introduce a Bill to authorise the Commissioners of Knox county to hold a special session, which was read the first time.

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the same was read a second time.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The same was committed to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for this day.

And thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on said Bill.

Mr. Milroy in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Milroy* reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said Bill under consideration, and had amended the same, by adding a second section thereto; to which amendment they desire the concurrence of the House.

Whereupon,

On motion of *Mr. Warner*,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Agreeably to notice, *Mr. Milroy* introduced a Bill to repeal an act, entitled, "an act for the benefit of debtors," which was read, and

On motion,

Was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Agreeably to notice, *Mr. Evans* introduced a Bill amendatory to an act, entitled, "an act regulating proceedings in ejectments," which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered. To be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on his excellency Jonathan Jennings, Governor elect, and his honor Ratliff Boon, Lieutenant Governor elect, and to inform them that they have been declared to be duly elected, and to know of them at what time they would be ready to take upon themselves the discharge of their respective official duties, reported, that they have discharged that duty, and have received for answer, that they will be ready at twelve o'clock on this day, and that they will at that time attend in the House of Representatives for that purpose.

On motion of *Mr. Thompson*.

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instruct-

ted to inquire into the expediency of a law regulating, defining and extending the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of this State, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

On motion of *Mr. Milroy*,

Ordered, That the following be a standing rule of this House, viz:

That when any subject is introduced by any member which is properly a subject of inquiry by any of the standing Committees, the introducer thereof shall be a member of such standing Committee, while such subject is under investigation.

On motion of *Mr. Blake*,

Ordered, That *Mr. Merrill* be added to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of *Mr. Warner*,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of passing a joint resolution of both Houses, authorising the Treasurer of this State to receive from the Sheriffs of the several counties, certain bank paper, which they may have received under the authority of a resolution of the last session of the Legislature, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

And *Messrs. Warner, John, and Thompson*, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of *George White*, praying the vacation of a Ferry in the town of *Jeffersonville*, reported a Bill, which was read, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Warner gave notice, that on to-morrow or some succeeding day of this session, he would ask leave to bring in a Bill authorising the county Commissioners of *Daviess county*, to levy a county tax for certain purposes.

Mr. Evans presented to the House the petition of *Robert Long*, and others, praying the sale of a quarter section of land in *Posey county*, which was read, and

referred to the Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of School sections.

Ordered, That Mr. Maddox be added to that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved. That the Senate be invited to take their seats in the Representative Chamber, while the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are sworn into office.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof.

The Senate having come into the Representative Chamber, and having taken their seats, his excellency Jonathan Jennings, Governor elect of the state of Indiana, and the Hon. Ratliff Boon, Lieutenant Governor elect thereof, entered the Representative Chamber, and the oaths required by the Constitution and Laws of the state aforesaid, were administered to them in due form, when his excellency delivered an inaugural address, and the Senate retired.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The House adjourned 'till 2 o'clock P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Ordered, That Mr. Milroy be added to the Committee appointed to memorialize Congress on the subject of purchases of United States lands in this State.

Mr. Morgan, presented the petition of Benjamin Walker, and others praying for the vacation of certain alleys, in the town of Hartford, in Dearborn county, which was read and referred to a select Committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Morgan, Jelly and Thompson, be that Committee.

Mr. Holman presented a remonstrance against the petition of Bayle Butler, and others, which was read, and

On motion,

Referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bayle Butler and others.

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of remonstrating against an act of Congress proposed to be passed by that body, at their last session, and left among the unfinished business thereof, and which is likely to be acted upon at their present session, changing the conditions of the sale of public lands, so as to require prompt payment on all future lands, and that if the said Committee think such remonstrance expedient, that they draft and present the same to this House, and Messrs. Milroy, Blake and John, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending an act entitled "an act, regulating estrays, and water crafts going a-drift," with leave to report by bill, or otherwise, Messrs. Thompson, Grass and Ewing, were appointed that Committee.

And on motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the laws regulating foreign and domestic attachments with leave to report by Bill, or otherwise.

Messrs. Thompson, Merrill and Hay, were appointed that Committee.

The Speaker laid before the House, sundry communications from the several Trustees of county Seminaries, which were read, it appeared that,

Samuel Jones, Trustee of Posey county, has received eight dollars eighty-seven and one half cents.

Edward B. Wilson, T. P. S. for Harrison county, his percentum deducted, seventy two dollars and eight cents.

Robert Cravens, T. P. S. for Jefferson county, eighty two dollars, and ninety-six cents.

James Walker, T. P. S. for Dearborn county, per-
centum deducted, two hundred and forty dollars and
forty one cents.

Bayle Butler, T. P. S. for Wayne county, per-
centum deducted, one hundred and thirty eight dollars
fifty nine and one half cents.

W. C. Whittlsey, T. P. S. for Sullivan county, one
hundred and nine dollars.

Charles Wildred, T. P. S. for Daviess county, se-
venty dollars eighty seven and one half cents.

Freeman Richard, T. P. S. for Switzerland county,
one hundred and seventy one dollars and seventy
three cents.

On motion of Mr. Blake,

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Govern-
or's Inaugural address be printed for the use of this
House.

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee appointed to fur-
nish the House with stationary, and for other purposes,
reported that they have contracted with Messrs. Bran-
don & McCullough, for the printing of the Governor's
Message, at two dollars per hundred copies.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the judiciary Committee be instruct-
ed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act
regulating the duties and jurisdiction of justices of the
Peace, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire
into the expediency of a law regulating the mode of col-
lecting fees and issuing fee bills,

Messrs. Thompson, Allen and Ross, were appointed
that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hay,

The House adjourned 'till 9 o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

Thursday Morning, Dec. 9th.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ross presented the remonstrance of John Weathers and others, remonstrating against the petition of George White, praying the vacation of a certain ferry across the Ohio river at Jeffersonville, and the establishment of a new one in lieu thereof, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State, be required to furnish this House, for the use of the members thereof, with twelve copies of the Laws of the late Territorial Government, and like number of State Laws, of this State, passed since the organization thereof.

On motion of Mr. Blake,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to furnish the House, with stationary, contract as soon as practicable for the printing of the Inaugural address of his Excellency Jonathan Jennings.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed to inform the House, that the Senate have passed the following resolutions, to wit :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to act jointly with a Committee, to be appointed by the House of Representatives, to examine into the situation of the office of the Secretary of State, to report to their respective Houses, and farther, that Messrs. Pennington, Little, Gray, Drew and Montgomery, be appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to act in conjunction with a similar Committee already appointed on the part of the Senate, to examine into the state of the

office of the Secretary of State, and that they report to their respective Houses,

And thereupon,

Messrs. Dunbar, Blake, Chambers, Morgan and Merrill, were appointed the Committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Mr. Morgan was added to the Committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to the act regulating Mills and Millers.

Mr. Chambers presented the petition of the grand jurors of the counties of Lawrence and Orange, praying that the law establishing a Board of County Commissioners may be repealed, which

On motion of Mr. Thomasson, was

Ordered, To lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That the judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire what amendments, if any, are necessary to an act prescribing the mode of changing the venue.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of attaching certain portions of the late purchase to the adjoining counties, with leave to report by Bill, or otherwise.

Messrs. Graham, Sullivan, Crisler, Jelly, Hill, and Allen, were appointed that Committee.

The Speaker laid before the House, the following communications from the Auditor and Treasurer.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication and annexed report from William H. Lilly, the Auditor of Public Accounts, which after being read, was

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

SIR,

I herewith transmit you my annual report.

I have the honor to be,

very respectfully,

yours &c.

WILLIAM H. LILLY, A. P. A.

Corydon, Dec. 9th, 1819.

THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER OF THE H. R.

The Auditor of Public Accounts, in obedience to an act of the General Assembly, entitled "An act concerning the Auditor of Public Accounts, and Treasurer of State," submits the following report to wit:—

There was remaining in the hands of the Treasurer on the 16th day of December 1818, provided the warrants directed to that date, have been paid at the Treasury,

\$ 3 515 34 1-2

There has been received from sundry Sheriffs from the 16th day of December, 1818, to the 4th day of December, 1819.

7 257 51

10 772 85 1-2

Under the authority of a joint resolution of the last General Assembly, there is to be deducted this amount,

91 00

Leaving as the sum total for which the Treasurer stands charged,

\$ 10 681 85 1-2

Within the periods above mentioned, there has been audited in

liquidation of the accounts of the executive officers,	2 442 00
In liquidation of the amount of the officers of the Judiciary,	4 178 38 1-2
In liquidation of the accounts of the last General Assembly,	4 350 68 1-2
In liquidation of the militia expenses,	129 36
In liquidation for wolf scalps,	\$ 312 00
In liquidation of the contingent expenses of the Government,	318 87 1-2
Making a total sum of	\$11 691 70 1-2
Leaving a deficiency to meet the claims audited of one thousand and nine dollars and eighty-five cents,	1 009 85
	\$ 11 691 70 1-2
Amount due and unpaid by sundry sheriffs for the years 1817 and 1818	4 991 34
It is estimated from Duplicate returns, the taxes for 1819, exclusive of the Sheriffs commission for collecting, amounts to the sum of	13 000 00
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	17 991 54
And from the counties of Dearborn, Washington and Posey, no Duplicates having been received for 1819, no estimate can therefore be made of revenue that may be derived from thence. Suit has been instituted against the Sheriff of Wayne county for \$ 2 207 24 cents, the sum with which he stands charged, as delinquent, for the year 1817, but	

from irregularity in the prosecution of the same, it is probable that not more than \$1 000 thereof will be collected.

On the bond executed by several citizens of Harrison county for \$1 000, suit has been instituted, and judgment obtained, but in consequence of the Sheriff and Coroner of said county, being defendants in the suit, there is no officer to levy execution, consequently there appears to be a necessity for Legislative interference.

There are however, in addition to the demands due by the state, the interest arising on loans due the 6th of January last, the sum of

\$1 500 00

And there will be due the 9th of January next, for interest on said loans, the further sum of

\$4 500 00

Making a sum total of

\$3 000 00

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. LILLY, A. P. A.

The Speaker also at the same time laid before the House, the following communication, and annexed report from D. C. Lane, Treasurer of State, which after being read, was

On motion of Mr. Ross,
Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means:

Treasury Department,*Corydon, the 9th Dec. 1819.***SIR,—**

Inclosed herewith, I transmit you my annual report.

With sentiments of respect and esteem,

I am yours &c.

DANIEL C. LANE,

Treasurer of State.

The Treasurer in obedience to an act of the General Assembly, entitled "An act concerning the Auditor of Public Accounts, and Treasurer of State," approved the 11th of December, 1816, submits the following report :

That there was remaining in the hands of the Treasury Department on the 16th of December, 1818. the sum of

\$4,451 18

That from the 16th of December, 1818, to the 4th of December, 1819, inclusive, there has been received from sundry Sheriffs the sum of

7,399 51

Making a sum total of

11,850 69

From which there has been deducted the sum of \$ 91, which is authorised by a joint resolution of both Houses of the General Assembly, dated the 1st of January, 1819,

91 00

Leaving the sum of

11,759 69

Within the periods above mentioned there have been paid to the Treasury, to the officers of

the Executive Department	2,542 00
In payment of the officers of the Judiciary Department,	\$ 3,977 78 1.2
In payment of warrants audited for wolf scalps,	346 00
In the payment of the members of the General Assembly, and in- cidental expenses attendant thereon,	4,411 88 1.2
In defraying the contingent expen- ses of Government,	318 87 1 2
In the payment of militia claims,	105 36
Making the sum of	11,701 90 1.2
Leaving in the Treasury on the 4th of December, 1819, a balance of \$ 57 78 1 2 cents, including a payment this day made in the Treasury of \$ 54	\$ 11 756 69

Within the periods above mentioned, there has been deposited in the Treasury by Elisha Danna, superintendant of the Rock Lick Section, the sum of 71 dollars; all of which, is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL C. LANE,
Treasurer of State.

Mr. Thompson submitted the following resolution,
viz:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law legalizing the proceedings of the several Circuit Courts, where they may have granted letters of administration, and to authorise such Courts to transact such business hereafter as relates to the granting letters of administration, &c. when either of the associate judges or circuit judge may be

concerned in any way, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. John,

Andrew P. Hay was added to the Committee of ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That the Committee of ways and means be instructed to procure and lay before the House, a detailed account of the Treasury of this state.

On motion of Mr. Morgan,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the necessity of repealing or amending the act respecting public Seminaries, and for other purposes, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Morgan, Blake, Sutherland, Ross, Evans, Sullivan and Thomasson, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition praying the vacation of a part of the town of Princeton, reported a Bill, which,

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Was ordered to a second reading on Tuesday next.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee appointed to furnish the House with stationary, reported that they had contracted with Messrs. Brandon and M. Cullough for the printing of five hundred copies of the Governor's inaugural address, for eight dollars.

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and report a Bill prescribing the mode of taking the census for the year 1820, pursuant to the second section of the third article of the Constitution of this state.

Messrs. Milroy, Merrill, and Zenor, were appointed that Committee.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Secretary of State.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Indiana.

In conformity to a resolution of your honorable body, I have transmitted such copies of the territorial and state laws as I am in possession of.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully,
your obedient servant.

R. A. NEW.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from his excellency the Governor.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Indiana.

Since the adjournment of the last session of the General Assembly, vacancies have occurred in the offices of presiding judges in the first, third and fourth judicial circuits, by the resignations of General W. Johnston, Alexander A. Meek and David Hart.

These vacancies were supplied during the recess, by the appointments of Jonathan Doty to the first, John Watts to the third, and Richard Daniel to the fourth judicial circuits, as presiding judges. Their appointments, however, will necessarily expire with the present session; and will, therefore, require the interposition of the General Assembly.

The frequent changes in the judiciary are calculated to lessen the advantages to the community, intended by the Constitution to have been afforded.

Under such circumstances, taking into view the resources of the state, the representatives of the people will determine on that course which may be calculated to produce the least possible disadvantage to their constituents. There have been received for the use of the Government, a part of the laws of the United States,

and various state papers, as well as the laws of some of the states, and it is important that some provisions be made for an interchange of laws with the different states of the Union. From several of the states such requests have been made, and will be therefore, entitled to the respectful attention of the Legislature.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

December 9, 1819.

On motion of *Mr. Blake*,

The orders of the day were now taken up.

Whereupon,

The Bill authorising the county Commissioners of Knox county to hold a special session, was taken up and read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, To be entitled an act.

Ordered, That *Mr. Blake* inform the Senate thereof.

The Bill to vacate a ferry in Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof, and for other purposes, was taken up, and

On motion of *Mr. Ross*,

The same was referred to a Committee of the whole House, with the accompanying documents, and made the order of the day for this day.

Whereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on said Bill.

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Committee rose,

And *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Graham* reported, that the Committee of the whole had had the said Bill under consideration, and had directed him to report the same without amendments.

Mr. Ross moved to postpone the said Bill indefinitely.

Which motion, on the question being taken, was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

It was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an act authorising the county Commissioners of Knox county to hold a special meeting.

On motion,

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday Morning, December 10.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of a Committee of the Baptist Church of Patoka.

Which was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. Evans gave notice, that on Monday next he would introduce a Bill pursuant to the petition aforesaid, the more effectually to prevent duelling, and for other purposes.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee for enrolled Bills, reported, that the Committee had examined the enrolled Bill to authorise the Commissioners of Knox county to hold a special session, and compared the same with the original engrossed Bill, and find the same duly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same,

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

Resolved, That the account current of the treasurer and auditor, rendered to the last General Assembly, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and that they be directed to enquire into the report thereon.

Mr. Warner, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bayle Butler, and others, reported, that they had examined the same, and that in the opinion of the Committee, the prayer of the petitioner was unreasonable and ought not to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Warner,

Order *d.*, that the report of the last said Committee, the petition and documents accompanying, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee appointed to examine into the state of the office of the Secretary of State, reported, that the said Committee had performed the duty assigned them, and had found the records of the office kept in a neat manner, up to the 5th day of November. 189, and the other papers belonging thereto, to be in good order.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Adams and Betsey Adams, reported a Bill granting certain powers to the administrators of Joseph Adams, deceased, which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to morrow.

Mr. Chambers presented the petition of Addison Smith, and others, praying that the State University may be located in the county of Monroe, which was read, and

On motion,

Referred to a Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Governor's Message.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, to act with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the House, to inquire into the expediency of revising the statute laws of this state, and that the same Committee inquire into the most pro-

per method of effecting the same; and that they report to their respective Houses, and have, on their part, appointed Messrs. Harrison, Cotton, Drew and Pennington, that Committee, to which resolution they desire the concurrence of the *House*.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

That the House concur in the same, it was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Evans inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Morgan, agreeably to notice, introduced a Bill creating the office of a master in Chancery, which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Maddox gave notice, that on to-morrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill for the benefit of Widows.

The Speaker laid before the House, the following communication from the Treasurer of State.

Treasury Department, Dec. 10, 1819.

SIR—Inclosed herewith is a copy of a correspondence between an officer of the bank of Vincennes, the state bank of Indiana, and myself, relative to the interest due that Institution from the State of Indiana.

I am, with sentiments of respect, &c.

D. C. LANE,

Treasurer of Indiana.

*Bank of Vincennes, State Bank
of Indiana, April 8, 1819,*

D. C. LANE, Esq.

Treasurer of Indiana,

SIR—The interest on the money loaned the State of Indiana, by this Institution, is become due.

It must be paid in notes of the bank of the United

States, of this bank, or specie; no other money is received for discount.

Very respectfully yours, &c.

E. BOUDINOT, CASHIER.

Corydon, 29th of April, 1819.

SIR,

By the last mail, I received your letter of the eighth instant, announcing to me, that the interest due from the State Bank of Indiana, had then become due, and must be paid in notes of the State Bank, and the bank of Vincennes, or in Specie. I am sorry to inform you, that this requisition is not in my power, there being no such resources in the Treasury of this State. So soon as I am vested with the fund, as required, no time shall be lost in the discharging the interest due your institution, from the State of Indiana.

I am very respectfully,

yours &c.

D. C. LANE.

E. BOUDINOT, Cash'r.
of the Bank of Vincennes, the
State Bank of Indiana. }

Bank of Vincennes. the State
Bank of Indiana,

25th MAY, 1819.

DANIEL C. LANE. Esq.

Treasurer of State.

SIR,

I received your letter of the 29th ult. some time since informing me that you had not the kind of money in the Treasury, to pay the interest due from the State, to this institution, that I require by my letter of the 8th ultimo.

In addition, I will receive the Bank of Kentucky,

and its Branches, the Commercial Bank of Louisville, N. and S. Carolina, and Richmond.

I am very respectfully,

yours &c.

E. BOUDINOT, *Cash'r.*

Which, on motion of Mr. Thomasson, were

Referred to the Committee of ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

The orders of the day were taken up.

Whereupon,

On motion,

The House, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the message of his excellency the Governor.

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent thereon,

The Committee rose,

And the Speaker resumed the Chair,

When Mr. Graham reported, that they had had the subject committed to them, under consideration, and that they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison,

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have adopted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of this House to act with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to enquire into the expediency of revising the Statute Laws of this State, and that the same Committee inquire into the most proper method of effecting the same, and that they report their proceedings to their respective Houses, and that the Senate, on their part have appointed Messrs. Harrison, Cotton, Drew and Pennington, that Committee, to which resolution they desire the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said resolution,

And thereupon,

Ordered, That the judiciary Committee be appointed as a Committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—The President of the Senate, has signed an act authorising the Commissioners of Knox county, to hold a special session.

The Bill, to vacate a certain Ferry in the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish another in lieu thereof, and for other purposes, was taken up and read.

Whereupon,

Mr. Ross moved, that the same be committed to the Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next, which motion was decided in the negative by the House.

The said Bill, was then read a third time,

And on the question,

Shall this Bill pass?

It was decided in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Ross and Milroy, were as follows viz:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,

Blake,

Chambers,

Crisler,

Dunbar,

Evans,

Ewing,

Graham,

Grass,

John,

Messrs. Lindley,

Lynn,

Merrill,

Maddox,

Salor,

Sutherland,

Thomasson,

Thompson,

Warner and

Zenor,—20.

NOES,

Messrs. Hill,

Holman,

Hay,

Jelly,

Messrs. Milroy,

Morgan,

Ross, and

Sullivan,—8

Ordered, That the said Bill, be entitled "an act for

the benefit of George White," and that Mr. Thompson inform the Senate thereof, and desire their concurrence.

The speaker laid before the House, the following communication from his Excellency the Governor,

*To the Honorable,
The Senate,
And House of Representatives.*

Herewith, will be submitted to the General Assembly, copies of the communications received from the State Bank, and referred to in my message of the 7th instant, together with copies of resolutions and a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States received from the Governor of Pennsylvania.

The object of the proposed amendment is to take from the Congress of the United States, the power of establishing any Bank, or other monied institution, except their location be confined to the District of Columbia.

Such a proposition emanating from a source so respectable, and embracing a subject of the highest importance, is recommend to your particular attention.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,

Dec. 18th, 1819,

Harrisburgh. Nov. 3, 1819.

SIR,

In pursuance of the directions of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, I have the honor herewith, to transmit to you a copy of resolutions which they adopted on the 29th of March last, in relation to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and to request your Excellency to lay the same before the Legislature of the State over which you preside, and respectfully so-

licit your co-operation in procuring the adoption of the contemplated amendment.

I have the honor to be,
your Excellency's ob't. serv't.

WILLIAM FINDLAY,

To his Excellency,
the Governor of Indiana,
at Vincennes.

Chapter IX

That all power is inherent in the people and all free governments are founded upon their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety, and happiness, are the fundamental principles of Republicanism.

To prevent the peace, safety, and happiness of the people from being endangered; political orthodoxy, teaches that they ought never to delegate a power which they can exercise with convenience themselves.

In proportion as the capital of a monied institution is increased, and its direction is removed from the body of the people; so, also, will be its power and inclination increased to do evil, and to tyrannize.

Therefore,

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, that the following amendment be proposed to the Constitution of the United States, viz:

Congress shall make no law to enact, or incorporate any bank or monied institution except within the District of Columbia, and every bank, or other monied institution, which shall be established by the authority of the Congress, shall, together with its branches and offices of discount and deposit, be confined to the District of Columbia.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their exertion to procure the adoption of the foregoing amendment.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to trans-

mit copies of the foregoing preamble, proposed amendment, and resolutions, to each of our Senators, and Representatives in Congress, and also to transmit like copies to the Executives of the several States, with a request that they lay the same before the Legislatures thereof soliciting their co-operation in procuring the adoption of the foregoing amendment.

REE'S HILL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives,

ISAAC WEAVER,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved, the twenty ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

Which on motion of *Mr. Thompson*, were referred to the Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The Speaker also presented to the House, the communication from the State Bank of Indiana, mentioned in the Governor's Message, which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

The House adjourned 'till Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.

Saturday, December 11, 1819.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Holman, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of *Ephraim Overman*, and others, praying the appointment of Engineers to examine and survey the route of a Canal between the *St. Mary's* and *Wabash* Rivers, and also the opening and establishing of a road from *Lawrenceburgh* to the River *St. Mary's*, reported, that the said Committee had had the same under consideration, and that in the opinion of the Com-

mittee, the prayer of the petitioners is premature, and ought not to be granted.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Holman,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of Jesse Jackson, and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jennings, Clarke and Jefferson, which,

On motion,

Was referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of William K. Richey, and others.

Mr. Morgan gave notice, that he would, on Wednesday next, introduce a Bill authorising the inhabitants of incorporated towns to vacate such parts of their respective towns as they may deem necessary under certain restrictions.

Mr. Allen gave notice, that on Monday next he would ask leave to introduce a Bill prohibiting the citizens of this state from carrying secret arms.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Walker, and others, reported a Bill authorising the appointment of Trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of Schools or Meeting Houses, which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan,

Resolved, That the judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire what amendments, if any are necessary, to the act to reduce into one act, all the acts and parts of acts relative to crimes and punishments.

On motion of Mr. Holman,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of dividing the sections in the different counties in this state into quarters, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Messrs. Holman, Merrill and Evans, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Graham gave notice, that on Monday next, or

some succeeding day of the present session, he would introduce a Bill to amend the act establishing and regulating Ferries.

Mr. Chambers presented the petition of Joseph W. Doak, praying a compensation for his services as Brigade Inspector, which was read, and referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

And Messrs. Chambers, Milroy, Thomasson, Graham and Ross, were appointed that Committee.

The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Governor's Message.

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Graham reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the Governor's Message under consideration, had passed several resolutions thereon, and had directed him to report the same to the House, and desire their concurrence therein.

Which resolutions he handed in at the clerk's table, where they were severally read, and concurred in by the House.

Which resolutions were as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the State Bank of Indiana, be referred to a select Committee of five members, who shall be a standing Committee on the subject of banks generally.

2. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the township of land in Orange county, granted by Congress to this state for the purpose of making Salt, and vesting the proceeds of the sale thereof in Ohio Canal Stock, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's mes-

sage as relates to the collection of the revenue, be referred to the Committee of ways and means.

4. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the appointment of an Attorney General for the state, be referred to the Judiciary Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

5. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the suspension of specie payments by banks, and the demoralizing effects of shaving bank paper, be referred to the Committee already appointed on the subject of banks generally, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

6. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the resolution of the last General Assembly, authorising the reception of bank notes for debts due the state, be referred to the Committee of ways and means, with leave to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise.

7. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the selection and location of a scite for a permanent seat of Government, and the manner in which said location shall be effected, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

8. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to an equal distribution of money arising from persons exempted from bearing arms, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

9. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Militia Law, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

10. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the embarrassed state of the circulating medium, and the probable remedies for the distresses of the people, be referred to the Committee of ways and means.

11. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the opening and preserving of public highways, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

12. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the balance of trade, and the consumption of articles of foreign manufacture, be referred to a select Committee, with directions to inquire into the expediency of memorializing Congress on the subject of imposing additional duties on foreign merchandize, and granting additional protection to domestic manufactures, with leave to report thereon.

13. *Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the appointment of officers to command Artillery and Dragoons, be referred to the Committee on the militia law, with leave to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Milroy, John, Morgan, Evans and Hay, a Committee on the said first resolution.

Messrs. Warner, Ross, Graham, Grass and Jelly, a Committee on the second resolution.

Messrs. Ross, Sutherland, Merrill, Warner and Thomasson, the Committee on the seventh resolution.

Messrs. Thomasson, Hill, Ewing, Maddox and Lindley, the Committee on the eighth resolution.

Messrs. Evans, Milroy, Allen, Blake, Crisler, Thomasson and Ross, the Committee on the ninth resolution.

Messrs. Hay, Holman, Zenor, Chambers and Merrill, the Committee on the eleventh resolution.

Messrs. Thompson, Milroy, Maddox, Lynn, Dunbar, Graham and Jelly, the Committee on the twelfth resolution on the Governor's message.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Mr. Maddox was added to the Committee on public roads and highways.

On motion of *Mr. Thomasson*,

The orders of the day were now taken up.

The Bill granting certain powers to the administrators of Joseph Adams, deceased, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Tuesday next

Mr. Sullivan gave notice, that on Tuesday next, or some succeeding day of the present session, he would introduce a Bill regulating damages on protested bills of exchange.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that he would on Wednesday next, or some day in that week, introduce a Bill to amend an act, entitled, "an act to prevent certain immoral practices."

On motion of *Mr. John*,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to additional time being given for replevin after judgment rendered, and the bonds arising thereon be made assignable by law, and whether the creditor shall be obliged to accept the property of the debtor in discharge of his demand at a valuation, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

And Messrs. John, Evans and Ross, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of *Mr. Ross*,

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to a general system of education, and the reserved township of land in Monroe county, be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

And Messrs. Ross, Chambers, Sullivan, Milroy, Allen, Dunbar and Merrill, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Evans gave notice, that he would, on some subsequent day of the present session, ask leave to introduce a Bill amendatory to the act regulating Taverns.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee to whom was refer-

red the petition of John Myers, and others, on the subject of a road from New Albany to Terre Haute, report, that the said Committee had had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

Mr. Maddox, pursuant to notice, introduced a Bill for the benefit of Widows, which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Treasurer of state, viz:

To the honorable the House of Representatives of the State of Indiana.

Understanding that reports have been put in circulation calculated to injure my reputation as an officer of government as well as a citizen, I have thought it my duty to the state as well as to myself, to solicit your honorable body to appoint a Committee to examine into such points as may be calculated to throw the least shade of a want of integrity on my part. Conscious of my own integrity, it is most respectfully requested that my wishes may be complied with for the reputation of the government, as well as my own feelings and reputation as an officer thereof.

Yours very respectfully, &c.

D. C. LANE.

Corydon, December 11, 1819.

Which, on motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Was referred to the Committee of ways and means.

Mr. Hay, from the joint Committee of enrolled Bills, reported, that the said Committee had presented an enrolled Bill, authorising a special session of the county Commissioners of Knox county, to the Governor for his signature.

Mr. Dunbar gave notice, that on Monday next he would offer an amendment to the thirty-seventh rule of this House.

And the *House* adjourned 'till Monday next at 10 o'clock A. M.

Monday, Dec. 13th.

The *House* met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Grass had leave to lay before the *House*, the petition of John A. Graham, and others, praying a special act be passed for the relief of the securities of John Upham deceased, late collector of the county and State Revenue for Warrick county, which was read, and

On motion of *Mr.* Grass,

Was referred to a select Committee.

Messrs. Grass and Evans, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Hay had leave of absence 'till Thursday next.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of Margaret Fulton, and others guardians of the infant heirs of the late Rev'd. Andrew Fulton, deceased, praying the passage of an act authorising them to appropriate monies belonging to the said heirs, in their hands, to the purchase of lands, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a select Committee.

Messrs. Sullivan, Salor and Sutherland, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Blake presented the petition of F. Fain and others, praying the establishment of a permanent seat of justice for Owen county, which was read,

And on motion,

Messrs. Blake, Evans and Warner, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of memorializing Congress on the subject of an additional land office in the State of Indiana, reported a memorial praying that Congress should pass a law establishing an additional

land office at Brownstown in Jackson county, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message, as relates to a general system of education, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making sale of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county, with leave to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Ross submitted a resolution, that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of memorialising Congress, on the subject of a donation of lands, equivalent to the School Sections, or sections numbered 16 in the Illinois Grant, in Clark county, which were disposed of previous to the passage of an act of Congress, entitled "an act to enable the people of Indiana, to form a state government," which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dunbar, introduced a joint resolution of both Houses, on the subject of instructing and requesting our Senators, and Representatives in Congress, to use their best exertions to prevent the admission of any new State into the Union, unless such state consent to the adoption of such provisions as may preclude the admission of Slavery within its limits, which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House, that the Senate have indefinitely postponed the act entitled "an act for the benefit of George White"

Mr. Thompson introduced a resolution, that a law to prevent duelling, in this state, is necessary, and that no amendment to the present law, on that subject should be adopted so as to destroy its present effect, which

On motion of Mr. Blake,

Was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Evans, according to notice, introduced a Bill, for the more effectual prevention of duelling, and for o-

ther purposes, which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

The memorial of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, on the subject of banks, and banking, together with the resolution by him heretofore submitted on the same subject, was taken up, which resolution is as follows, to wit:—

Resolved, That the memorial of the citizens of Washington county, be referred to a Committee of five members, whose duty it shall be to enquire into the different subjects of complaint contained therein, and that they have power to demand, and receive a detailed report of the Banks, and Branches in this State, under the oath of the cashier thereof, respectively, and if they deem it necessary, that they have power to send for persons and papers, to enable them to discover the extent and sources of the evils and abuses complained of in the said memorial, as well as any others connected, or relative to Banks, and that they have leave to report by Bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Milroy, the resolution, was amended by inserting the words “be referred to the Committee appointed on the subject of banks generally,” instead of “be referred to a Committee of five members.”

Mr. Blake moved to amend the resolution by striking it out from the words “Committee on Banks generally” to the words, “and that they have leave” &c.

And on the question,

Shall the resolution be so amended?

It was decided in the negative, and the yeas and

noes, being called for by Messrs. Ross and Milroy, were as follows.

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Ewing,

Messrs. Jelly,
Morgan,
Sullivan, &
Warner,—8

NOES,

Messrs. Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
John,
Lindley,

Messrs. Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Thomasson,
Thompson, &
Zenor,—18

Mr. Sullivan moved, to amend the resolution by inserting after the words "that they have power" the words "by special leave of the House."

And the question being taken on the amendment,
It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Thomasson moved to amend the resolution, by striking it out from the words "proceedings of the banks and branches in this state, to the end," and inserting in lieu of the same, the words "and if they deem it necessary, that they visit any bank or office of discount and deposit in this state, and inquire into the evils complained of, and report their proceedings thereon,;"

And the question being put,

Shall this amendment be adopted?

It was decided in the negative.

The question was then put,

Shall this resolution pass?

And Mr. Blake having called for a division of the question, it was accordingly put,

Shall so much of this resolution as refers to the me-

morial aforesaid, to the committee appointed on the subject of banks generally, pass?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question then being put,

Shall the rest of this resolution pass?

It was also decided in the affirmative.

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Blake and Milroy, were as follows, viz:

AYES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Crisler.
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,
John,

Lindley,
Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Thompson and
Zenor—22.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Morgan,

Sullivan and
Warner—5.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to contract for the public printing, be authorised to contract for the printing of forty copies of the Bill introduced into this House, the more effectually to prevent duelling, and for other purposes, for the use of the members of both Houses.

And the House adjourned 'till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday Morning, Dec. 14th.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Grass from the Committee to whom was referred the petition, praying relief for the securities of John Upham, dec'd; collector of the state and county revenue, for the county of Warrick. reported, a bill, for the relief of the securities of John Upham, dec'd. which was read the first time, and

On motion,

The rule was dispensed with, and the said bill, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Sullivan, agreeably to notice, introduced a bill, regulating damages on protested bills of exchange, which was read, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Evans, agreeably to notice, introduced a bill, amendatory to an act to license, and regulate Taverns, which was read and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Evans, gave notice, that he would on to-morrow, or some other subsequent day of the present session introduce a bill, amendatory to the act subjecting real and personal estate to execution.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of Patrick Wilson, and others, praying the establishment of a road from Cooper's Ferry, in Jefferson county, to the mouth of Neil's Creek, in the same county, which was referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Middleton Roberts, and others.

Mr. Evans, presented the petition of Nicholas Robinson, and others, praying that a certain part of the county of Posey, therein described may be attached to the county of Gibson, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chambers, presented the petition of William Hoggatt, praying to be enabled to collect the tax due for the year 1815, on the lots in the town of Orleans, in Washington county, which was referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Chambers, Thompson and Salor, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Sullivan, presented the petition of Jacob Lewis, of Jefferson county, praying an extension of a lease, on a school section, therein named, which

On motion of Mr. Sullivan,

Was referred to a select committee.

And Messrs. Sullivan, Milroy and Warner, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. John,

Resolved, That the Committee on the petition of David Milbern, and others, relative to the opening of the Patoka river, take into consideration the expediency of declaring White Water river, a public Highway, from the three forks, to the state of Ohio, with leave to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Mr. John was added to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Milbern, and others, and on the subject of navigation generally.

On motion of Mr. Daubar,

Resolved, That the judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law, that a public prosecutor, in cases of acquittal shall be liable for the costs.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of Wilson Buchanan, and other citizens of Ripley county, praying that they may be authorised to assemble on a certain day therein named for the purpose of taking measures to establish a county Library, which was referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Sullivan, Morgan, and Sutherland, were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Mr. Evans was added to the Committee appointed on the subject of school sections.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The orders of the day were taken up.

A Bill amendatory to an act regulating proceeding in ejectment, was read a second time,

And on motion,

Was referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Friday next.

A bill, for the appointment of Trustees to receive deeds for lots, or lands given or purchased for the use of Schools, or Meeting Houses, was read the second time, and

On motion,

Referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

A bill for the relief of Widows, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

A bill vacating part of the town of Princeton, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

On motion,

The House according to order now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bayle Butler, and others.

Mr. Thompson in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thompson reported, that the Committee had had the said report under their consideration, and had amended the same by striking out the syllable "un" part of the word unreasonable, and the word "not" between the words "ought" and the words "to be granted."

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs.

Holman and Dunbar, the votes were as follows, viz:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Jelly,
John,

Messrs. Maddox,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thompson, &
Warner,—15

NOES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,

Messrs. Lindley,
Lynn,
Milroy,
Roes,
Thomasson, &
Zenor,—12

Mr. Chambers gave notice, that he would on to morrow, or some subsequent day, introduce a bill, authorising the citizens of Monroe county, to establish a county Library, and for other purposes.

Mr. Holman gave notice, that on to morrow, he would introduce a bill, repealing the act establishing the seat of justice of Wayne county, at Salisbury, and establishing the same at Centreville.

On motion of Mr. Warner,

Resolved, That the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bayle Butler, and others, be instructed to report a bill to this House authorising the appointment of a certain number of disinterested persons to be appointed by this House, for the purpose of establishing a permanent seat of justice for Wayne county.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon:

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed by the Governor, to announce to this House, that he did, on the 11th instant,

approve and sign an act authorising a special session of the county Commissioners of the county of Knox.

And the House adjourned 'till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The report of the bank of Vincennes, the state bank of Indiana, was read, and

On motion of *Mr. Milroy*,

Was referred to the Committee on the subject of banks generally.

The joint resolution of both Houses, on the subject of instructing and requesting our Representatives and Senators in Congress, to use their exertions to prevent the admission of any state into the Union, except under such restrictions as will preclude the admission of slavery within its limits, was read a second time.

Mr. Evans moved to postpone the same indefinitely,

Which motion was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The said resolution was referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The Bill more effectually to prevent duelling, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Friday next.

On motion of *Mr. Thomasson*,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the communications of the Governors of this state, and of Pennsylvania, on the subject of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, so as to prevent Congress from establishing any banks or monied institutions without the limits of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Warner in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Warner* reported, that the Committee had had the said communications under consideration, had

made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Thomasson moved that the Committee have leave to sit again,

Which motion was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

The said communications were referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Milroy, Evans and Dunbar, were appointed that Committee.

An engrossed Bill granting certain powers to the administrators of Joseph Adams, deceased, was read a third time, passed, and entitled an act.

Ordered, That Mr. Evans inform the Senate thereof.

The memorial praying an additional Land Office at Brownstown, in the county of Jackson, was read, and

On motion,

Referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for this day.

And thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on said memorial.

Mr. Crisler in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Crisler reported, that the Committee had had the said memorial under consideration, and had adopted the same without any amendment.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The House adopted the said memorial.

Ordered, That Mr. Graham inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Milroy, from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution to memorialize Congress on the subject of a contemplated change in the terms of sales of public lands within this state, reported a memorial pursuant to the said resolution, which was read, and

On motion,

Referred to a Committee of the whole *House*, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House several communications from the Trustees of Public Seminaries, for certain counties, from which it appeared that

Isaac Naylor, T. P. S. for Clark county,
has received 2384 87 1 2

John Pennock, T. P. S. for Orange
county. 76 67 1 2

James D. Hammond, T. P. S. for Spen-
cer county, 113 51

John G. Henderson, T. P. S. for Wash-
ington county, 230 00

Mr. Ross, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Ogle, and others, praying for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Clark and Jefferson, reported, that the said Committee had had the petition aforesaid under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted,

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The said report and the petition referred to therein, was referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of William K. Richie, and others.

The Committee of ways and means had leave to sit to-morrow, while the *House* is in session.

Ordered, That the *House* adjourn till to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

Wednesday Morning, December 15, 1819.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Milroy, from the Committee to whom was referred the communications of their excellencies the Governors of this state, and of the state of Pennsylvania, reported a joint resolution of both Houses, that they concur in the amendment to the Constitution of the United

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States, proposed to the consideration of the several states, by the state of Pennsylvania. which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Dunbar presented the petition of Maurice Morris, and others, praying that a part of the counties of Harrison and Clarke, be attached to the county of Floyd, which,

On motion,

Was referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Dunbar, Thomasson, and Milroy, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Graham, agreeably to notice, introduced a Bill to amend an act entitled, "an act establishing and regulating Ferries," which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee on public printing, reported a resolution, to accept of the proposals of Messrs. Brandon and M. Cullough, to print the Journals of the General Assembly; and the proposals of Messrs. Cox and Nelson, to print the laws thereof for the present session.

Which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Jelly introduced a Bill to amend the act, entitled "an act regulating marriages, and for other purposes," which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of memorializing Congress for further time to be allowed to purchasers of land in this state, to complete the payments therefor, reported a memorial pursuant to the said resolution. which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on the subject of locating a seat of Government for this state, reported a Bill appointing Commissioners to locate a scite for the permanent seat of Government of Indiana, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Warner presented the petition of Ezekiel Porter, and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois, which was read, and referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Warner, Chambers and Evans were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of Maurice Baker, and others, praying that a part of the new purchase be added to Jennings county,

Which was read, and referred to the Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of extending counties into the new purchase.

Mr. Chambers, pursuant to notice, introduced a Bill to authorise the citizens of Monroe county to elect a president and trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

The question on the subject of the second reading of the report of the Committee on public printing, and the resolution thereon submitted, was reconsidered, and the question being put, shall the same be read a second time, it was decided in the negative.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed the following joint resolution, of both Houses, viz:

Resolved, That the proposals of Messrs. Brandon and McCullough, for printing the Journals and Bills of the present session of the General Assembly, be accepted, as also the proposals of Messrs. Cox and Nelson for the printing of the Laws of the present session thereof, and that a Committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, to act jointly with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to take bond and security from each of the parties aforesaid, payable to the Governor of this state, and his successors in office, for the faithful performance of their respective contracts.

And further, the Senate have appointed Messrs.

Pennington and Beggs, the Committee on their part.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The House concurred in the foregoing resolutions.

And Messrs. Dunbar and Milroy, were appointed the Committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of changing the mode of compensating jurors with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

And Messrs. Graham, Allen and Crisler, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Warner, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bayle Butler, and others, reported a bill, appointing Commissioners to fix the seat of justice in the county of Wayne, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Blake from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of F. Fain, and others, praying the establishment of a permanent seat of justice for Owen county reported a bill, pursuant thereto, which was read, and the rule being dispensed with, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Friday next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an act entitled “an act to amend an act to exempt certain property from execution;” and then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed a joint resolution disapproving of the vote of the Hon. Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes, which was read, and which was for the purpose of instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to use their best exertions to prohibit the admission of any state, into the Union, unless such new state consent to the adoption of provisions which preclude slavery.

Mr. Dunbar moved, to postpone said joint resolution indefinitely. which was decided in the negative.

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Blake and Dunbar, were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Dunbar,
Evans,

Messrs. Maddox,
Thomasson, 4

NOES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers.
Crisler,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,
John,

Messrs. Lindley,
Lynn,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Morgan,
Ross,
Salor,
Sutherland,
Sullivan,
Thompson. &
Warner, 22.

And so the motion was lost,

On motion,

The House adjourn till to morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday, 16th Dec.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The joint resolution disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes, was read a second time.

Mr. Dunbar moved, to postpone the said resolution till the first Monday in December next, which motion was lost.

Mr. Evans moved, to postpone the same till Monday next, which motion was lost.

Mr. Sullivan moved, to postpone the same till Saturday next, which motion was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The same was referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for this day.

Mr. Evans gave notice, that he would on to-morrow or some subsequent day of the present session, ask leave to introduce a bill, authorising the arrest of naval vessels for debts contracted by the master, owner, or consignee of such vessels.

Mr. Sullivan pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, to incorporate Madison Academy, which was read the first time.

And on motion,

Read a second time by its title, and referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson had leave to lay before the House, the petition of — Jones for himself, and the proprietors of the town of Providence, praying to be authorised to erect a turn pike road, from a certain point therein described to the United States road leading from Jeffersonville to Vincennes, at a certain point thereof described in the said petition, which was read and referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Thompson, Grass and Crisler, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Grass presented the petition of the executor, and executrix of the last will and testament of Daniel Rhoads, dec'd. praying to be authorised to reconvey certain lots in the town of Darlington, to the county of Warrick, for certain purposes named therein, which was read, and ordered to be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Grass, Lynn, and Evans, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Morgan pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, authorising corporations to vacate parts of towns, and for other purposes, which was read, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of William A. Bullock, and others, praying a part of Muskakatack river,

to be declared a public highway; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the subject of navigation generally.

Mr. Sullivan also presented the petition of Richard Scott, and others, praying the establishment of a road from Madison in Jefferson county, to a certain point therein described, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Isreal T. Canby, and others, on the same subject.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from his excellency the Governor.

The Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR—I transmit to you a memorial from the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company, together with estimates of the expenditure necessary to its ultimate completion, as well as the amount expended by the Company, accompanied by a letter from the President pro tem of the Board, all which you will have the goodness to lay before the House of Representatives.

With great respect,

I have the honor to be

yours, &c.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

December 13, 1819.

Which, on motion,

With the documents accompanying, was referred to the Committee to whom was referred so much of his Excellency's message as relates to the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company, and the township of land in Orange county.

Mr. Blake, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a Bill to amend the act, entitled "an act organizing the Supreme Court, and regulating the practice thereof,"

approved Dec. 1816, which was read, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Ross:

The orders of the day were now taken up.

An engrossed Bill from the Senate, to amend the act, entitled, "an act to exempt certain property from being subject to execution," was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

A Bill to amend an act to regulate marriages, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to amend an act, entitled "an act to establish and regulate Ferries," was read a second time, and

Ordered To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to regulate damages on protested Bills of exchange, was read a second time,

And thereupon,

Mr. Thompson moved,

That the further consideration thereof, be indefinitely postponed.

Which motion was decided in the negative.

On motion.

The said Bill was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill amendatory to an act to license and regulate taverns, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

A Bill to authorise the citizens of Monroe county to elect a president and trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill appointing Commissioners to locate a permanent seat of justice for Wayne county, was read a se-

cond time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

A Bill appointing Commissioners to select and locate a permanent seat of Government for the state of Indiana, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next,

A memorial of the General Assembly of this state, to the Congress of the United States, on the subject of extending to purchasers of lands within this state, a further time to make payments therefor, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

A joint resolution of both Houses, on the subject of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on a Bill authorising the appointment of trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of schools or meeting houses,

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Dunbar reported, that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they desire the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee, and the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

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32 Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have concurred in the memorial to Congress, on the subject of an additional Land Office, to be located at Brownstown, in Jackson county.

House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a memorial to Congress, on the subject of changing the terms of payments for lands sold by the United States,

Mr. Holman in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Holman reported the said memorial without any amendments.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The House adopted the said memorial.

And the same was ordered to be engrossed, and the Senate informed thereof, and their concurrence desired.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the joint resolution, disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes,

Mr. Hill in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Hill reported the said resolution without any amendments.

Mr. Dunbar moved to amend the Bill by striking it out from the title to a section, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

Whereas, it is the opinion of the General Assembly, that the principle and practice of slavery, are in open violation of the best feelings of human nature, and cast a shade upon the American character, which it is the in-

terest as well as the duty of every good citizen to remove.

And whereas. it is the opinion of the General Assembly, that that national policy requires that every means should be adopted to prevent the extension of a practice so inhuman and disgraceful.

Therefore,

Resolved, By the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, that our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representative be requested to use their best exertions to prevent the admission of any new state into the Union, unless such state consent to the adoption of provisions which will preclude and prohibit the practice of slavery within its limits.

And the question being taken,

Shall this amendment be adopted?

It was decided in the negative.

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Dunbar and Blake, were as follows:

AYES,

Messrs. Chambers.

Dunbar,

Evans,

Maddox,

Merrill,

Morgan,

Sullivan, &

Zenor—8.

NOES,

Messrs.

Allen,

Blake,

Crisler,

Ewing,

Graham,

Grass,

Hill,

Holman,

Jelly,

John,

Lindley,

Lynn,

Milroy,

Ross,

Salor,

Sutherland,

Thompson,

Thomasson, &

Warner, 19.

And so the motion was lost.

Mr. Evans moved to amend the said resolution, by striking it out from its title, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Resolved, That is the opinion of the people of Indiana, that the practice of slavery is incompatible with the principles of justice, religion, and moral right, and entirely at war with the principles of free a government.

And further, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be instructed to use their utmost exertions to arrest the progress of this evil by all means not incompatible with fixed principles or immutable laws.

And the question, shall this amendment be adopted? being put,

It was decided in the negative,

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Evans and Maddox, were as follows:

AYES.

Messrs. Allen,
Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,

Maddox,
Merrill,
Morgan, &
Sullivan—8.

NOES.

Messrs. Blake.
Crisler,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,
John,
Lindley,

Lynn,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Thompson,
Warner, &
Zenor—19.

And so the motion was lost,

Mr. Ross moved, that the rule might be dispensed with, and the said resolution be read a third time now, upon which question, there was some debate.

When Mr Sullivan moved, that the same be read a third time to-morrow.

And the previous question being called for by three members, was accordingly put, and decided in the negative, and so the motion was lost.

And the said resolution, was ordered to be read a third time to-morrow

An engrossed bill for the relief of Widows, was read a third time and passed, and ordered to be entitled an act for the relief of Widows

Ordered, That Mr. Maddox inform the Senate thereof.

An engrossed bill, for the relief of the securities of John Upham, dec'd was read a third time and passed, and entitled "an act for the relief of the securities of John Upham, dec'd."

Ordered, That Mr. Grass, inform the Senate thereof.

An engrossed bill, to vacate a part of the town of Princeton, was read a third time and passed; and entitled "an act to vacate a part of the town of Princeton."

Ordered, That Mr. Evans, inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Dunbar had leave to withdraw the resolution heretofore submitted by him on the subject of slavery, and instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representative in Congress, to use their best exertions to prevent the admission of any new state into the Union, unless under such restrictions as will preclude the practice of slavery within its limits.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Friday, Dec. 17th.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from James Faris, Trustee of the public Seminary,

of Dubois county, from which it appeared, that he had received for the use of the public Seminary \$32 18 3.4 cents.

Mr. Thomasson presented the petition of James Sheilds, praying the legislature of this state, to interfere with the government of the United States, so as that he may be allowed a pre-emption right of purchase to fractional section No. 18, in township 6, north of range 6, in the late purchase, at the usual price of two dollars per acre.

Which was read, and ordered to be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Thomasson, Graham and Sutherland, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Blake presented the petition of David Deem, and others, praying a new county, out of the counties of Daviess, Owen and Sullivan, which was read, and referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of John C. Burres, and others.

Mr. Blake, presented the petition of Luke Vaugh, and others, praying that a part of Owen county, be attached to a new county, prayed for by the petition of David Deem, and others, with which the accompanying documents, were read, and referred to a Committee to whom was referred the petition of John C. Burres and others.

Mr. Blake, also presented the remonstrance of Andrew Evans, & others, remonstrating against the petitions of David Deem, and others, and of Luke Vaugh, and others, which was read, and referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of John C. Burres and others.

Mr. Blake, also presented the memorial of Jono. Riley, and other inhabitants of Vincennes, praying that a certain society therein described may be incorporated, which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered. To be referred to a select Committee.

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And *Messrs.* Blake, John and Merrill, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill, which originated in this House, granting certain powers to the administrators of Joseph Adams, deceased, without any amendments.

Mr. John, from the Committee appointed on the subject of additional replevin &c. reported, a bill to amend an act, entitled “an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution;” approved January 7th, 1818, which was read and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill to amend the act regulating the jurisdiction, and duties of justices of the peace, approved, January 28th, 1818.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House, be instructed to make out three copies of the memorial to Congress, on the subject of an additional Land Office in this state, and that the Speaker be requested to forward the memorial to our Representative in Congress, and a certified copy thereof to each of our Senators, with a request that they use their best exertions to effect the object therein contemplated.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a memorial from P. Callen, Trustee of the public Seminary, for Lawrence county, from which it appeared that he has received for the use thereof, \$77 50 cents.

An engrossed bill, to amend an act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace; approved January 28th, 1818, and which originated in the

Senate was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to inquire what amendments, if any are necessary to the act entitled "an act for the relief of the poor."

And Messrs. Evans, Dunbar, and Hay, were appointed that Committee

Mr. Hay, presented the petition of Andrew Everman, and others, praying a new county out of the counties of Jennings, Jackson, Washington, Clark and Jefferson, which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered. To be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of William K. Richey, and others.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of amendments necessary to the act regulating Grist mills and Millers, reported a bill, on that subject, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Graham, presented the petition of Gabriel Richards, and other citizens of Jackson county, praying to be attached to the county of Lawrence, which

On motion,

Ordered. To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Graham, Lindley and Chambers, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Dunbar gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some succeeding day of this session, he would introduce a bill to authorise the administrators of the estate of Richard M. Heth, dec'd to sell a portion of the real estate of which the said decedant died seized.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

The orders of the day were now taken up.

A Bill, to amend the act entitled "an act organ-

izing the Supreme Court, and regulating the practice therein; approved 23d December, 1806, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day, for Wednesday next.

An engrossed Bill, from the Senate, to amend the act entitled "an act to exempt certain property from being subject to execution," was read a second time by its title, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day, for Monday next.

A Bill, authorising corporations to vacate certain parts of towns, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day, for Tuesday next.

The House according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a Bill, amendatory to an act regulating proceedings in ejectment.

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thomasson reported, that the Committee had had the said bill, under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having had time to go through therewith, asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

The House according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the joint resolution of both Houses, on the subject of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Ross reported, that the Committee, had according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and had made no amendment thereto, and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Whereupon,

On motion,

The said resolution was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Milroy, inform the Senate thereof.

The House according to order, now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, regulating damages on protested Bills of Exchange.

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Graham reported, that the Committee had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made one amendment thereto, in which they request the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

And the said bill, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, to establish a permanent seat of justice for Owen county.

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported, that the Committee had the said bill, under consideration, and had adopted some amendments thereto, in which they desire the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said Bill, be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A joint resolution from the Senate, disapproving of the vote of the Hon. Waller Taylor, and for other purposes, was now resumed in order to be read a third time.

Whereupon,

Mr. Thompson moved,

The adoption of certain amendments thereto, upon which motion there was some debate, when the previous question was called for, by three members.

And the question being put,

Shall the main question now be put?

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The question last aforesaid, was reconsidered, and being again put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question was then put,

Shall this resolution pass?

And was decided in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Dunbar and Thompson, were as follows, to wit:

AYES.

Messrs. Blake,
Crisler,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
Hay,
Jelly,
John,

Lynn,
Lindley,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Sutherland,
Thompson,
Warner, &
Zenor—19.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Maddox,

Merrill,
Morgan,
Sullivan &
Thomasson,—8.

And so the resolution passed.

The House, according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, to amend an act regulating and establishing Ferries.

Mr. Blake in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Blake reported, that the Committee, had had the said bill, under consideration, and had made one amendment, in which they desire the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The orders of the day were postponed till to morrow.

Mr. Merrill gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some succeeding day of this session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill, appointing Commissioners, to lay out and open a Road, from Vevay, to Versailles, and when the permanent seat of Government for this state, is established, to extend the same to that place, and for other purposes.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that he would on to-morrow, introduce a bill, to amend the act, entitled "an act authorising the appointment of Pilots over the Falls of Ohio."

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Graham and Thomasson, be

a Committee to improve the situation of the Hall of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,
Mr. Evans was added to that Committee.

On motion,
The House adjourned till to morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Saturday, December 18, 1819.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from Richard Tyner, Trustee of the Public Seminary for Fayette county, from which it appeared that he had received, since his appointment, for the use of Seminaries, the sum of thirteen dollars.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed Bill for the relief of the securities of John Upham, deceased, which originated in the House of Representatives.

On motion,

Mr. Chambers had leave of absence till Monday next.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of the officers of the 29th regiment of Indiana militia, praying legislative aid in a certain case, which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on military affairs generally.

Mr. Dunbar handed in at the clerk's table, the following protest against the passage of the joint resolution disapproving of the vote of the Hon. Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes.

The undersigned avails himself of a right secured by the Constitution of his country, and now protests against the passage of a joint resolution disapproving of the vote

of the Honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes, on a question which arose on the admission of the Missouri territory into the Union upon an equal footing with the other states, for the following reasons, to wit:

1st. Because, uninstructed, a Representative must refer only to the dictates of his own judgment, and must necessarily decide, from his own deliberations, aided by the laws of the land, and the wisdom of the body of which he is a member.

2d. Because the question upon which the vote disapproved of was given, is involved in much doubt, and intricacy, and reasonably warrants a difference of opinion; and, although in the judgment of the undersigned, there is no right guaranteed to the people inhabiting the territory which comprized the Louisiana purchase, to retain the possession of their slaves, when admitted into the Union, under the terms of the Federal Constitution, except under salutary limitations and restrictions. Yet, in the opinion of the undersigned, it is unjust to censure conduct which may have been, and in the opinion of the undersigned, was the result of the unbiassed and impartial reflections of the *Hon. Waller Taylor*.

3d. Although the latter part of the resolution contains matter which meets the entire approbation of the undersigned, and so far as it is considered, is deemed a measure of national policy, yet in the opinion of the undersigned, the same interesting object might, and would have been accomplished, had the preamble and preceding sections of said resolution been omitted.

4th. Because the dignity of the state is concerned in supporting the reputation of our public officers; and any effort to derogate from their standing, measurably operates to the injury of our interest. And because it is right always to have a tender and generous consideration for the feelings of others.

5th. Although slavery is an evil which it is the duty of every good citizen, so far as he can, constitutionally,

to annihilate; yet if the wisdom of the national legislature should determine, that the right to practise it is secured to any section of the country, submission to their decree is necessary, and aspersions of the motives of any individual of that legislature, are not warrantable.

6th. In conclusion, the undersigned begs leave to remark, that his principles, upon the subject of slavery, are settled and determined, and his feelings warmly interested in effecting its total abolition; so far as that abolition comports with the rights of his fellow citizens, both from a consideration of humanity, and because its practice is a blot on the character of the nation.

JOHN N. DUNBAR.

Mr. Evans also handed in at the clerk's table, the following protest against the passage of the same resolution:

The undersigned begs leave to introduce his protest against the passage of the joint resolution disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes, and assigns for reasons the following:

1st. The undersigned has no evidence that the *Hon.* Waller Taylor erred in the vote he gave in the case alluded to, not having before him the treaty by which the territory known by the name of the Louisiana purchase, was ceded by the king of Spain to the French republic, by which treaty (if present) it might appear that the right of holding slaves in that territory is guaranteed to the inhabitants thereof; and if so, by the established laws of nations, that right cannot be arrested from them without their consent, even by the power of Congress.

2d. The undersigned presumes that all explanatory documents on the subject were, before General Taylor, at the time he gave the vote, complained of, which enabled him to judge of his duty towards his country, and to himself, and of the propriety, and perhaps necessity of that vote, the wishes, feelings and interests of the people to the contrary notwithstanding.

3d. The undersigned conceives that censure by a representative body against a public agent, should be the dernier resort of that duty which a representative body owes to themselves and their constituents; it being an incontrovertible principle of law, justice, and charity, that every man is to be presumed innocent till his guilt manifestly appears.

4th. The undersigned believes that the circumstance of a majority of the members of Congress, corresponding in sentiment with General Taylor, is presumptive evidence that law and immutable principles dictated the vote given by General Taylor; for the undersigned has too much charity to believe that any enlightened man would advocate slavery from principle, or its continuance and extension from motives of interest.

5th. The undersigned believes that the general government have marked out a course of policy which they will invariably pursue to arrest the progress of slavery, with which policy the undersigned, as a member of the Legislature of this state, is unwilling to interfere.

6th. The undersigned thinks that it is ungenerous to intermeddle with the internal policy of a neighboring territory.

7th. The undersigned conceives that the amendment offered by him to the said resolution, and which is already spread upon the Journals of this House, was amply sufficient, and all that ought to be desirable to the feelings and wishes of the people of Indiana, on the subject of instructing their representatives; and that any further interference or instructions of the Legislature of Indiana, are calculated to cramp the energies and wisdom of our Senators and Representative in Congress, in the discharge of their duties, which they owe to their God, their country, and themselves.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the following communication from Reuben W. Nelson, Esq: viz:

The memorial of the subscriber sheweth, that Basil Prather, clerk of Washington county, is chargeable and impeachable for the following offences against the laws of the state of Indiana:

CHARGE 1. Notorious inattention and neglect of official duties.

Specification 1st. That the said Basil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, is, by the law of the land, among other things, bound to enter in a certain book of record, all judgments passed in the Circuit Court of said county of Washington, transcribing into said record book, all proceedings, and issues, and other matters which are prayed to be entered of record, and so allowed by the said Circuit Court, in causes determined in said court, and that the said Basil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, is also bound to keep safe and secure all pleadings and other papers filed in his said office in any cause depending in said court; and being so bound, it is charged that the said Basil, clerk of said court, in violation of his said duty, has entirely neglected to enter of record the pleadings and other matters proper for record, in any case decided in said court, in the said record book, since his appointment to the said office and acceptance thereof. And further, that he, the said Basil, clerk as aforesaid, has, in violation of his said duty, so carelessly and negligently kept the pleadings and other papers filed in his said office, in divers causes depending in said court, that the same have been lost, all which are charged to be, to the great detriment of the public weal, and the manifest injury of private right, and the evident hazard of all persons interested as suitors in said court.

Specification 2d. That he, the said Basil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, generally keeps his office and the papers deposited therein, in such a state of confusion that it is difficult, if not impossible, in many cases, to procure records of the judicial proceedings of said court.

CHARGE 2. Habitual intoxication.

Specification 1st. That the said Basil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, in violation of his duty as a public officer, intrusted with the care of the rights of his fellow citizens, and regardless of that moral deportment which is dictated by his situation, is guilty of frequent and habitual intoxication, to a degree which renders him unfit to discharge the duties of his situation, and exhibits an example of deleterious influence upon the community.

Wherefore, your memorialist prays that the Hon. the House of Representatives, will take such measures herein, as to them may seem expedient, and for testimony therein, he refers to the Hon. Davis Floyd, John N. Dunbar, gen. S. Milroy, major Alexander Little, Jeremiah Rowland, Esq. John H. Thompson, Esq. and John F. Ross, Esq.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. NELSON.

Which was read,

On motion,

Was ordered to be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by articles of impeachment or otherwise.

And Messrs. Blake, Graham, Evans, Sullivan and John, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of changing the method of compensating Jurors, reported a bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act regulating the fees of the several officers therein named," which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Graham,

Ordered To a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Allen gave notice, that on some subsequent day of this session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill authorising the citizens of Sullivan and Vigo counties to elect trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes.

Mr. Sullivan, from the committee to whom was refer-

red the petition of Israel T. Canby, and others. reported a Bill appointing Commissioners to locate and open a road from Madison to Vernon, and for other purposes, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Milroy presented the petition of Mordecai Miller, and others, praying a division of Monroe township, in Washington county, or to be authorised to elect an additional justice of the peace, which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Milroy, Blake and Jelly, were appointed that Committee.

On motion,

The orders of the day were now taken up.

On motion of Mr. Holman,

The bill to authorise the citizens of Monroe county to elect trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes, was postponed till Tuesday next.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill to incorporate Madison Academy,

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thomasson reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments to the same, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House,

that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill vacating a part of the town of Princeton, and for other purposes, which originated in this House.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill to amend an act regulating marriages,

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Dunbar reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

An engrossed Bill for the appointment of trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of schools or meeting houses, was read the third time and passed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be entitled 'an act authorising the appointment of trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands purchased or given for the use of schools or meeting houses.'

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the memorial to Congress, praying that a further time may be granted to purchasers of public lands within this state, to make payments.

Mr. Allen in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Allen reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said memorial under consideration, and had directed him to report the

same with an amendment, and desire the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

Monday, Dec. 20th,

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Evans from the Committee on the subject of the navigation of Patoka river, reported a bill, for opening the navigation of Patoka river, and for other purposes, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed by the Senate, to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have adopted a memorial to Congress, on the subject of changing the terms of payment for public lands, in this state with some amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Milroy inform the Senate.

Mr. Thomasson, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Shields, reported a memorial of the State of Indiana Legislature, praying a grant of a pre-emption right to said James Shields, pursuant to his petition.

On motion,

The said memorial was adopted by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomasson inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Maddox, handed in at the Clerk's table, the following protest against the passage of the joint-resolution of both Houses disapproving of the vote of the

Honorable Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes, pursuant to his constitutional right, viz:

Having voted against the joint resolution, introduced into the House of Representatives, from the Senate, disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller Taylor, in the Senate of the United States, on the question whether the bill, entitled "an act establishing a separate Territorial Government, in the southern part of the Territory of Missouri," should be recommitted to the Committee, to whom the same was referred, with instruction to amend it so as to prevent the farther introduction of slavery into that Territory? I conceive it a duty which I owe to myself, and to my constituents, to state the reasons which influenced me, in giving that vote, and of entering my protest, at this time, that these reasons may appear upon the Journals of this House.

Permit me however, to observe, that although opposed to the resolution in the shape in which it came before the House. I do not wish, neither do I intend to advocate the principles of slavery,—I believe them to be opposed to the very best interest of the country; an opposition to the rules and regulations, the prosperity and happiness of every Republican Government; contrary to the laws of God and man. In discussing the great question of freedom, or slavery, so far as that question is considered to our own country, my views and sentiments have always been consistent, diametrically opposed to its further introduction, and willing if possible, to arrest its further progress.

In considering however, a question not immediately connected with this important subject; a question merely of an abstract nature; a question of right or wrong, as it affects a Representative of the people; I have a right to form my own opinion, which opinion, although different from that of many gentleman of the house, is not as I conceive, inconsistent with the opinion which I have before expressed, as it regards the main question, and which is not, in any way connected with the one dis-

cussed by the House, in relation to the conduct of general Tayler.

In order to form a correct view of this subject, two questions are to be considered.

1st. Had Congress a right to prescribe any other terms to the people of Missouri, than those prescribed by the Constitution, to wit: a republican form of government.

2d. Could they take away from the inhabitants of that Territory, a vested right, I say vested right, because the rights, privileges and immunities possessed by the inhabitants of that Territory, anterior to the cession from France to the United States, were guaranteed to them by the Treaty making that cession.

These two questions are so intimately connected, that I shall consider them both together. The Territory of Missouri cannot be considered, as it is by some, in the light of a purchased province; was this the case, the question would stand on a different footing. It was purchased from France in the year 1803. The Treaty expressly declares that the United States shall receive it, with all its rights and appertenances, in as full and ample a manner as France received it from Spain, by the Treaty of St. Ildefonso, and that the inhabitants should be incorporated into the Union, and admitted according to the federal Constitution, (that is guaranteeing to them a Republican form of government) and they, that is the people, of Louisiana, should have all the rights, privileges, advantages, and immunities of citizens of the United States, and shall be protected in the free use and enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion. These rights then were guaranteed to the inhabitants of Louisiana by Spain in the cession to France, and by the French republic, in the cession to the United States. They were vested rights, and could not be taken away; because enjoyed by them anterior to the cession, and confirmed after it. Congress could then make no law upon the subject, because it

would go to impair the obligation of the contract made by the government with France, and they might as well in my opinion compel them to change their religion as to take away the right of holding slaves.

General Taylor then, probably viewing the subject as I do, and voting as he did, can I censure a Representative for doing that which I would have done myself, had I have been placed in his situation; should I do it, I should not only meet with the reproach of my own conscience; but should receive, as I should deserve, the contempt of every good, and honest man, in society.

Again; let us for a moment, suppose that the conduct of gen. Taylor, was improper, as was argued by some gentlemen, in as much as he misrepresented the wishes of his constituents, and voted on that question, contrary to what he ought to have known, was the will and opinion of those who had elected him; I ask how was that opinion to be known? shall we censure a man for doing that which he ought not to do when he has no means of knowing whether he is acting right or wrong. Hard indeed would be our case; lamentable our situation, if we, ourselves were to be judged of in this manner, and few indeed would meet with mercy here, or hereafter, if our errors were scrutinized in this manner.

But it is said he knew the feelings of his constituents; I deny it, and I dare venture to say, that not a man in this House knows the views and feelings of his constituents upon the question as to the admission of the Missouri into the Union. It is a question which has agitated the whole country; and upon which the whole country is divided. The best and wisest men in it have different opinions, considering it a question of right though opposed to the principles of slavery.

It is for these reasons then, and I can appeal to my God for the sincerity of my intentions, that I voted against the resolution. If I have erred, it was an error of the head, not of the heart; and as in all my actions I con-

sider myself accountable to the Being who made me; so in this, I hold myself responsible to the people, with their decision, I shall be satisfied

JOHN. W. MADDUX,

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee of ways and means, to whom was referred the communication from the Treasurer of State, requesting an inspection of his official conduct, and the resolution directing them to examine the books of the Auditor and Treasurer of State, reported, that they have pursuant to the said resolution inspected the books of the Auditor, and Treasurer of State, and have found them neatly and fully kept, and their papers well arranged.

And further,

That they have according to order, investigated all the reports which have reached their ears respecting the official conduct of the Treasurer of State, and that after examining the last testimony, which could be procured on the subject of the returns alluded to, they have the pleasure to report, that they find nothing censurable in Mr. Lane's conduct, and that from the testimony, declared before them, his official deportment has been honest and correct.

On motion,

Ordered. That so much of the said report, as relates to the official conduct of the Treasurer of State, with the documents relative to that subject, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion,

The House concurred in the residue of the report of the Committee of ways and means.

Mr. Warner, from the Committee on that part of the Governor's *Message*, which relates to the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal company, and the reserved township of land in Orange county, and the report of the President pro tem. of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal company, reported, that by a reference to an act of Congress, approv-

ed April 19th, 1816, to enable the people of the Indiana Territory, to form a Constitution, and State Government, and for the admission of said Territory into the Union, on an equal footing with the other States, all salt springs within the said Territory. were reserved for the use of the State, together with thirty six sections of land, for the purpose of working the same. That the said Committee are in possession of information, which warrants them to report the said salt springs of no use for the purpose of making salt, and with the assent of Congress, recommend the sale of the land granted for the use and purposes aforesaid, and we accordingly report a memorial to Congress on the subject.

The Committee in the further prosecution of their duties as to the report of the President pro tem. of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal company; report, that it is their unanimous opinion. that it is important that an object so well calculated to promote the interest and character of the State. as that of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal company should meet with that succour & support that it is so deservedly entitled to. and that although the Committee are not at present prepared to recommend any way by which this laudable undertaking. can meet from the State immediate support; yet they cannot dismiss the subject without giving it as their opinion that from the able exertion and preservance in the prosecution of the work by the company, they not only deserve the thanks, but also the fostering hand of the government.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Mr. Warner from the same Committee also reported a memorial to Congress on the subject of the reserved township of land in Orange county.

On motion,

The House adopted the said memorial.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker.—I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have adopted a memorial to Congress on the subject of school sections in this state, in which they desire the concurrence of this House.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

The House adopted the said memorial.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross, inform the Senate.

Mr. Chambers from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Hoggatt, reported a bill, for the relief of William Hoggatt, which was read, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Merrill, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, to appoint Commissioners to lay out and open a road, from Vevay, to Versailles, and for other purposes, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee to whom was referred the engrossed bill of the last session, declaring certain streams therein named public highways, reported the same with one amendment, which was read, and

On motion,

Read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Evans, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, authorising the arrest of naval vessels in certain cases, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Milroy, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mordecai Miller, and others, reported a bill, to amend the act entitled ‘an act to provide for the electing of county and township officers,’ which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Evans, gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some subsequent day of this session, he would introduce a

bill, to provide for the sale of part of the Seminary township in Gibson county, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of this House, to act with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to enquire into the expediency, and propriety of the next general assembly convening at _____, and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

And Messrs. Thompson, Morgan, Sutherland, Sullivan and Ross, were appointed the Committee on the part of this House.

Ordered. That Mr. Thompson, inform the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have adopted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Senate will meet the House of Representatives in the Representative Hall, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of electing an Auditor of public accounts, and a Treasurer of State, and request a similar resolution on the part of the House of Representatives.

And further,

That the Senate have appointed Mr. Cotton, teller on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

The question,

Shall the report, of the Committee of ways and means, on the communication from the Treasurer of State, and the documents accompanying said report, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Was reconsidered, and being again put,

Was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

Ordered, That the said report, and documents be re-

ferred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day, for this day.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of ways and means, on the communication from the Treasurer of State, and the documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Graham reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said report, and documents under consideration, and had concurred in the report of the Committee of ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The House concurred in the said report.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

Resolved, That the House of Representatives will meet the Senate this afternoon at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of electing an Auditor of public accounts, and Treasurer of state, and that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Blake was appointed teller on the part of this House.

Ordered. That Mr. Thomasson inform the Senate.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of amending the act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift, reported a Bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift," which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

and the House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Dunbar submitted a joint resolution of both Houses, on the subject of authorising the Auditor of public accounts to draw his several warrants on the Treasurer of state, in favor of the printers for the state for the present year, which was read the first and second time, and

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee appointed to take bond from Messrs. Brandon and McCullough, and Messrs. Cox and Nelson, reported, that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them in part, by taking bond from Reuben W. Nelson, and Richard French, conditioned to be void on his performing his contract for part of the public printing.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee

Ordered, That the said bond be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Warner, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Deem, and others, praying the formation of a new county out of the counties of Sullivan, Daviess, and Owen, reported, that in the opinion of the Committee, the prayer of the petitioners is unreasonable and ought not to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

The said report was referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from John Vawter, trustee of the Public Seminary for Jennings county, from which, it appeared that he had received for the use of Public Seminaries, the sum of \$50 62 1-2.

Also, a communication from Payton Thradhill, T. P. S. for Warrick county, from which, it appeared that he has received for the use of Public Seminaries, \$69 25.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of James Watson, and others, citizens of Jefferson county, praying a certain part of Jefferson county, therein described, to be attached to Jennings county, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

Ordered To be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

And Messrs. Sullivan, Merrill, and Lynn, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Ewing presented the petition of Stephen Lyon, and others, praying a removal of the seat of justice of Perry county, from Rome to Liberty, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Ewing,

Ordered To be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

And Messrs. Ewing, Holman and Blake, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Ewing also presented the remonstrance of Isreal Lamb, and others, remonstrating against the petition aforesaid, which was read, and referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition last aforesaid.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Douthitt, and others, reported a bill to incorporate the borough of Charlestown, in Clark county, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have concurred in the resolution from the House of Representatives, to inquire into the expediency of the next General Assembly of this state, convening at and that they report thereon to their respective houses, and that the Senate have appointed Messrs. Pennington, Cotton and Brew, a Committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Thomasson,

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Representative Hall, to proceed to the election of an Auditor of public accounts, and Treasurer of state.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson inform the Senate.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of the widow and

heirs of James Marrs, deceased, praying to be authorized to sell certain lots in the town of Evansville, which was read, and

On motion of *Mr. Evans*,

Ordered To be referred to a select Committee, with leave to report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

And Messrs. Evans, Grass and Maddox, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Thompson submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of a law declaring the charters of the different chartered banks in this state, forfeited when they shall refuse to pay specie for their notes, with leave to report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

And on the question, shall this resolution be adopted?

The ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Thompson and Ross, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Dunbar,
Evans,
Graham,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,
John,
Lindley,
Lynn,

Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Thomasson,
Thompson, &
Zenor—18.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Ewing.

Jelly,
Morgan,
Sutherland, &
Warner—9.

And so the resolution was adopted.

And Messrs. Thompson, Milroy, and John, were appointed a Committee on the part of this House.

On motion of *Mr. Blake*,

Ordered. That the Committee to whom was referred the last said resolution, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and the same is referred to the committee on the subject of banks generally.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved. That the Senate will meet the House of Representatives to-morrow at 2 o'clock P. M. in the Representative Hall, for the purpose of electing three presiding Judges to fill the vacancies in the first, third and fourth judicial circuits.

And further, that the Senate have appointed Mr. Montgomery teller on their part, in which resolution the Senate request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Thompson presented the remonstrance of Joel Scribner, and others, remonstrating against the petition of Eph. Jones, praying to be authorised to erect a turn-pike road as described in the said petition, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Thompson,

Ordered To be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition aforesaid.

Mr. Merrill gave notice, that he would, on some subsequent day of the present session, introduce a bill for the relief of persons imprisoned for the non-payment of fines.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved That the House of Representatives will meet the Senate in the Representative Hall to-morrow evening, for the purpose of electing three presiding Judges, to fill vacancies in the first, third and fourth judicial circuits.

Mr. Dunbar was appointed teller on the part of the House of Representatives.

Ordered That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate thereof.

Pursuant to previous arrangements, the Senate now came into the Representative Chamber, and the two Houses proceeded to elect an Auditor of public accounts by joint ballot of the members of both Houses, and after counting the votes, it appeared that William H. Lilly, had thirty six votes, for the said office, which being a majority of the whole number, the President of the Senate declared him duly elected to the office of Auditor of Public Accounts, to serve for and during the period prescribed by the Constitution of this state.

The two Houses then proceeded to elect in the same manner a Treasurer of State, and upon counting the votes, it appeared that Daniel C. Lane, had twenty seven votes, for the office last aforesaid, and James B. Slaughter, had ten votes, for the same office.

And Daniel C. Lane having a majority of the whole number of votes given, he was by the President of the Senate declared duly elected to the office of Treasurer of state, to serve for and during the period prescribed by the Constitution of this state.

And the Senate withdrew to their Chamber.

On motion,

The orders of the day were taken up.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The House concurred in the amendments adopted by the Committee of the whole, on Saturday, to the memorial to Congress, on the subject of granting further time to purchasers of public lands in this state to complete the payments therefor.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed Bill from the Senate to amend an act, entitled, "an act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of Justices of the Peace," was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill to amend the act, entitled "an act regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein nam-

ed," was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The Bill to amend an act to subject real and personal estate to execution, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, Dec. 21st. 1819.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill, which originated in this House, for the relief of Widows, with some amendments thereto, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

That the House concur in the amendments, adopted by the Senate, to the said bill.

It was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Maddox, inform the Senate thereof.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from Samuel T. Scott, Trustee of the public Seminary, for Knox county, from which it appeared that he has received for the use of that institution, the sum of \$296 75.

And a like communication from Robert Sturgess, T. P. S. for Vigo county, from which it appeared that he had received for the use aforesaid, \$148 65 cents.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of James Marrs, dec'd. reported a bill for their relief, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Ross, submitted a report of the engineer of the

Jeffersonville Ohio Canal company, which was read, and

On motion of *Mr. Ross*,

Ordered To be referred to a Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message, as relates to the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal company.

Mr. Thomasson handed in at the clerk's table, the petition of *Thomas Posey*, and other citizens of Harrison county, praying that the county Commissioners of said county, may be authorised to sell a part of the public square, in the town of Corydon, which was read,

And on motion of *Mr. Thomasson*,

Ordered, To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. *Thomasson*, *Dunbar* and *Zenor*, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of *William L. Connell*, and others, praying that part of Switzerland county, be attached to Jennings county, which was read.

And on motion of *Mr. Sullivan*, was

Ordered, To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. *Sullivan*, *Morgan* and *Merrill*, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Sullivan presented a joint resolution, to present the Antiquarian Society, with copies of the Constitution and Laws of this State, and the Journals of the two Houses, which was read, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Merrill, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, for the relief of persons imprisoned for the non payment of fines, which was read, and

Ordered, To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Allen, presented the petition of *John M. Colman*, and others, praying the passage of an act authorising the election of Trustees for a county Library for Vigo county. which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of *Mr. Evans*.

The orders of the day, were now taken up.

The *House* according to order, now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the joint resolution authorising a payment to the printers of the State.

Mr. Crisler in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Crisler* reported, that the Committee of the whole had according to order the said resolution under consideration, and had adopted sundry amendments thereto, in which they desire the concurrence of the *House*.

On motion,

The *House* concurred in the amendments adopted in Committee of the whole, and

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed for a third reading this afternoon.

The bill, regulating *Grist Mills* and *Millers*, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, That forty copies of the same be printed for the use of the members of the *House*.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole *House*, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The *House* according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, amendatory to the act to regulate and license *Taverns*.

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Ross* reported, that the Committee of the whole had according to order, had the said bill, under consideration, and had directed him to report the same without amendments.

Mr. Milroy offered to amend the said bill, by inserting the following section, to wit:

It shall be lawful for the county Commissioners in any county in this State, to grant a license for retailing

spirituous liquors, to any individual who can produce satisfactory evidence to the said board of Commissioners, that he has served six months, in the army of the United States, in the Revolutionary war, free of any charge therefor, provided that such individual shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that are required by law of other Tavern Keepers, and shall not have received from the United States, or any individual state, a pension for his Revolutionary services.

And on the question.

Shall this amendment be adopted?

The ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Dunbar and Milroy, the votes were as follows.

AYES.

Messrs. Chambers,
Dunbar,
Jelly,
Milroy,

Ross,
Thompson, &
Zenor—7

NOES.

Messrs. Blake,
Crisler,
Ewing,
Evans,
Graham,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,
John,

Lindley,
Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland, &
Warner—.18

And so the amendment was lost,

On motion of *Mr. Evans*,

The question was reconsidered. and was again put, and the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Thompson and Dunbar, the votes were as follows:

AYES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Daubar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Grass,
Jelly,
Lynn,

Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross,
Thompson,
Warner, &
Zenor, 13

NOES,

Messrs. Blake,
Crisler,
Graham,
Hay,
Holman,
John,
Lindley,

Merrill,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland, &
Dunn, Speaker 13

And so the proposed amendment was lost.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

Mr. Holman presented the petition of William Canady, and others, praying an extension of the eastern boundary of Fayette county, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate adhere to the amendments adopted in the Senate, to the Bill for the relief of widows.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed an engrossed Bill, which originated in this House, authorising the appointment of trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of schools and meeting houses, with an amendment, in which they desire the concurrence of this House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The joint resolution authorising the payment to the printers of the state, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate thereof.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of free conference be appointed on the part of this House, to act with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, on the subject of the disagreement between the two houses, on the subject of certain amendments to the Bill for the relief of widows.

And Messrs. Ross and Evans were appointed a committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have appointed Messrs. Pennington and Drew, a Committee of free conference on the part of the Senate, to act with the Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, on the subject of the disagreement between the two houses, relative to the amendments to the bill for the benefit of widows.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

The House concurred in the amendments adopted by the Senate to the Bill authorising the appointment of trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of schools or meeting Houses.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate.

The engrossed Bill regulating damages on protested bills of exchange, was read the third time, and ordered to be recommitted to the Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The engrossed Bill amendatory to the act establishing and regulating Ferries, was read the third time, and passed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be entitled, "an act amendatory to an act regulating and establishing Ferries."

The engrossed Bill to establish a permanent seat of justice for Owen county, was read the third time, and passed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be entitled, "an act to establish a permanent seat of justice for Owen county."

The engrossed Bill to incorporate Madison Academy, was read a third time, and

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Graham, Sullivan and Evans, were appointed that Committee.

The Bill to amend the act to regulate marriages was read a third time, and passed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be entitled, "an act to amend the act to regulate marriages."

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that the House of Representatives are now ready to meet the Senate in the Representative Hall, to elect three presiding judges, to fill the vacancies in the first, third, and fourth Circuits.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate.

Pursuant to previous arrangements, the Senate now came into the Representative Chamber, and the two Houses proceeded to elect presiding Judges, for the first, third and fourth Judicial Circuits, and after examining the votes, it appeared that Jonathan D. Ty had thirty-five votes for presiding Judge of the first judicial circuit in this state; and John Watts had, for Judge of the third judicial circuit, eight votes, and Miles C. Eg-

gleston had twenty-eight votes for the same office; and for the fourth circuit. Richard Daniel had seventeen votes, and James R. E. Goodelett, had twenty votes.

And Thereupon,

Jonathan Doty was, by the President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, declared to be duly elected Presiding Judge of the first judicial circuit, Mites C. Eggleston, Judge of the third judicial circuit, and James R. E. Goodelett, Presiding Judge of the fourth judicial circuit.

And the Senate retired to their Chamber.

On motion,

The House adjourned till to-morrow, at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, Dec. 22d.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee to whom was referred the bill, to incorporate Madison Academy reported that the Committee had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made an amendment thereto by striking out a section, and had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Graham,

The House concurred in the amendment adopted by the Committee.

Ordered. That the said bill, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Merrill gave notice, that he would on some subsequent day of this session, introduce a bill, for the limitation of criminal prosecutions.

Mr. Sullivan gave notice, that he would on to-morrow, or some succeeding day of this session, introduce a bill, more effectually to secure the collection of money, on the sale of real and personal estates, on executions.

Mr. Graham gave notice, that he would on to-morrow, or some other subsequent day of this session, ask

leave to introduce a bill to encourage the making of salt in this state.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed the joint resolution, which originated in this House authorising an advance payment to the printers of the state.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Polke.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed the joint resolution on the subject of a proposed amendment, to the Constitution of the United States, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of this House.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The House concurred in the amendment adopted by the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The orders of the day were now taken up.

The House according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill more effectually to prevent duelling, and for other purposes.

Mr. Lynn in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Lynn reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask leave to sit again, and leave was granted.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that that Committee had examined the enrolled joint resolution, authorising the appropriation of certain sums of money therein named, to Messrs. Brandon & M'Cullough, and Messrs. Cox and Nelson, in advance for the public printing, at this session, and had

compared the same with the original, engrossed resolution, and had found the same truly enrolled.

And thereupon, the Speaker signed the same.

Ordered That Mr. Ross inform the Senate.

On motion,

House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House according to leave, resolved itself again into a Committee of the whole House, on the bill more especially to prevent duelling.

Mr. Grass in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Grass, reported that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had adopted some amendments thereto, in which the concurrence of the House was requested.

And thereupon,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

The said bill was amended, by adding the following repealing clause, "all acts and parts of acts heretofore in force in this state, on the subject of duelling be, and the same are hereby repealed."

Mr. Graham moved,

That the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

And the question being put,

Shall the further consideration of this bill be indefinitely postponed?

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Dunbar and Ross, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES.

Messrs. Graham,
Jelly,
Lindley,
Merrill,

Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson, 7

NOES.

Messrs. Blake,
Crisler,
Chambers,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Evans,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,

John,
Maddox,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner, &
Zeuer—18

And so the motion was lost.

Mr. Thompson moved.

To amend the said bill by adding after the repealing clause the following proviso, viz:

Provided that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to give any further, or greater relief to any person or persons who may have heretofore violated, the act now in force in this state to prevent duelling, than such person or persons could have been entitled to under the provisions of said act.

And the question being put,

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Thompson and Dunbar, were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Graham,
Jelly,
Lindley,

Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson, 6

NOES,

Messrs. Blake,
Crisler,
Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,
John,

Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Saler,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner. &
Zenor, 20

And so the motion was lost.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to morrow.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to appoint Commissioners to locate a scite for a permanent seat of Government, for this state.

Mr. Sullivan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein.

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sullivan reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through therewith, asked leave to sit again, and leave was granted.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker.—I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the Senate has signed a joint resolution authorising the appropriation of certain sums of money therein named, to Messrs. Brandon & McCullough, and Messrs. Cox & Nelson, in advance for the public printing at this session.

On motion by Mr. Holman,

The further consideration of the bill, to appoint

Commissioners to fix the seat of justice for Wayne county, was postponed till Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Milroy,

The further consideration of the orders of the day, were postponed till to morrow.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that the joint resolution authorising an appropriation of a certain sum of money therein named to Messrs. Brandon & M'Cullough, and Messrs. Cox & Nelson, for public printing, had been presented to his Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Mr. Milroy, from the Committee on banks, reported, in part, that the Committee had, according to order, had the subject referred to them, under consideration, and that they are not prepared to report any opinion of the situation of the state Bank of Indiana, as it is believed that to form a proper estimate thereof, the Committee ought to have been furnished with a separate report of the situation of the different branches unconnected with that of the mother bank, and in conformity to this belief, that the following letter was addressed to the Cashier of the Corydon Branch Bank, viz:

Corydon, December 17, 1819.

SIR—I am directed, by a Committee appointed by the House of Representatives for the purpose of inquiring into the situation of the several Banks in this state, of which I have the honor to be Chairman, to call on you for a written statement of the situation of the branch of the state bank of which you are Cashier; which statement is required to designate the amount of paper furnished by the Vincennes Bank, for the use of the Corydon branch. The amount of notes discounted, the amount of specie in bank, the amount of deposits, with the amount of paper of other banks on hand; I am instructed by the Committee to request you, if practicable,

furnish the necessary communication on this subject, on or before Saturday evening next, as the Committee stands adjourned till that time.

Your compliance with the above request, will confer an obligation on

Sir, yours respectfully,

SAMUEL MILROY.

Chairman of the Committee on banks.

Thomas Posey, Esq.

To which the following answer was received.

Corydon Branch Bank, December 18, 1819.

Sir—Yours of yesterday was handed in by the door-keeper of the House of Representatives.

I am sorry to inform you, and through you the Committee of which you are Chairman, that without violating my oath, I cannot furnish you with the statement which you have required of me. It is not my wish to withhold from you any information which it is in my power to give relative to the bank. At the same time I cannot violate an oath which I have taken, not to divulge any of the secrets of the institution of which I am Cashier.

This day's mail has charge of a letter from me to the President and Directors of the parent bank, upon the subject of your communication. The moment I receive their instructions, I will act in compliance thereto.

Very respectfully, yours, &c.

THOMAS POSEY, Cashier.

General Samuel Milroy, Chairman.

The committee then determined to require a report of the situation of the branch Banks from the parent Bank, as it is understood that through that channel it will be promptly furnished.

The committee in the further prosecution of the duties assigned them, have determined to request a report

of the situation of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Indiana, at Madison, and the branch thereof at Lawrenceburgh.

The committee further report; that they have adopted the course they are pursuing, from a belief that it is due from the chartered Banks in this state, and their branches, to the people of Indiana, to make known their true situation, at the same time that it is but justice to themselves, if they are as solvent as they are believed to be. And that as soon as the communications are received from the banks, they will be submitted, and in the mean time, that the Committee would attend to the duties which have been assigned them by the House of Representatives.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Ogle, and others, praying a new county out of the counties of Clark and Jefferson, reported, that the Committee had had the same under consideration, and that in the opinion of the Committee, the prayer of the petitioners is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Thomasson,

The said report was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr Chambers gave notice, that on to morrow, or some subsequent day of this session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill, to appoint Commissioners to view a road from New Albany, in Floyd county, to Vincennes.

And the House adjourned till to morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

Thursday, Dec. 23d.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Henry Hop-

kins, and others, praying a removal of the seat of justice for Pike county, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Ordered, To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Evans, Maddox and Morgan, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that that Committee, had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "an act for the relief of the securities of John Upham, dec'd." and had compared the same with the engrossed bill, and had found the same duly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross, inform the Senate.

Mr. Dunbar, had leave to present the petition of Eleanor Deweese, praying a divorce from her present husband, Jubilee Deweese, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Dunbar,

Ordered. To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Dunbar, Chambers and Evans, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject, of what amendments might be necessary to the act authorising the granting letters testamentary, &c. reported a bill amendatory, to the said act, which was read and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Grass, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Daniel Rhoads, dec'd. reported a bill for their relief, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Evans pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, authorising the sale of part of the Seminary township, in Gibson county, which was read, and

Ordered. To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Graham from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of attaching part

of the late purchase, to the adjacent counties, reported a bill for that purpose, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Merrill pursuant to notice, introduced a bill for the limitation of criminal prosecutions, which was read and passed to a second reading to morrow.

Mr. Thomasson from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the county Commissioners of Dearborn county, reported a bill, abolishing the office of county Commissioners, and establishing a county court, which was read and passed to a second reading to morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an ingrossed bill, entitled “an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal company,” in which they desire the concurrence of this *House*, And he withdrew.

And thereupon,

The said bill was read the first time, and the rule being dispensed with, it was read a second time by its title : read a third time and passed.

Ordered. That the Clerk, inform the Senate.

Mr. Warner, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Ezekiel Porter, and others, reported a bill, to form a new county, out of the counties of Davies and Dabois, which was read, and passed to a second reading on to morrow.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Resolved. That the House of Representatives of the present General Assembly, recommend to the Representatives, for the year 1820, that they appear when they convene as the Representatives of the people, dressed in domestic apparel, such as shall be manufactured in the United States.

Mr. Chambers, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph W. Doak, reported a Bill,

for the relief of Joseph W. Doak, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled “an act defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing, and for other purposes;” and he withdrew.

The said bill was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Ewing, from the Committee on the subject of the amendments necessary to the act entitled “an act for the relief of the poor,” reported a bill amendatory to the said act, which was read and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, to amend the act entitled “an act authorising the appointment of a Pilot, or Pilots, at the Falls of Ohio,” which was read, and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to announce to this House, that the President of the Senate has signed an enrolled bill, entitled “an act for the relief of the securities of John Upham, dec’d” which originated in this House.

Mr. Blake, from the judiciary Committee, reported a bill, making public informers liable for costs of prosecution, which was read, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Sullivan, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, to amend the act entitled “an act, subjecting real and personal estate to execution,” which was read, and

Ordered To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion,

The orders of the day were now taken up.

The House now according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill, from the Senate, entitled “an act to amend an act, en-

filed an act, to exempt certain property from execution."

Mr. Blake in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Blake* reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had desired him to request the concurrence of House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Mr. Thompson moved,

To amend the bill aforesaid, by adding the following proviso, to wit:

Provided that this law, shall not be so construed as to subject the Tools of a man's trade, or the necessary books of his profession to execution in any case.

Mr. Dunbar moved, to amend the said amendment to the bill by striking out the words, "or the necessary books of his profession."

And the question being put,

Shall the proposed amendment be so amended?

It was decided in the affirmative,

And so the amendment to the proposed amendment to the bill was adopted.

The question was then put.

Shall the amendment proposed to the bill, be adopted?

And decided in the negative.

And so the amendment was lost.

On motion by *Mr. Dunbar*,

Ordered That the said bill be read a third time now.

And thereupon,

The said bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That *Mr. John* inform the Senate.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Polke*.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, from this House, entitled, “an act to establish a permanent seat of justice for Owen county;” and he withdrew.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to appoint Commissioners to locate a scite for a permanent seat of Government for this state.

Mr. Merrill in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Merrill reported, that the Committee of the whole had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that that Committee had examined, and compared with the engrossed resolution a joint resolution disapproving of the vote of the Hon. Wallar Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes, and had found the same duly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate.

Mr. Ross also, reported that the Committee of enrolled bills, had examined and compared with the engrossed bills, an enrolled bill, entitled “an act to amend the act, entitled an act to incorporate the Jeffersonville

Ohio Canal Company," and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered That Mr. Ross inform the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the President of the Senate, did this day sign an enrolled joint resolution disapproving of the vote of the Hon. Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes.

And an enrolled bill, entitled "an act to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company;" and he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Polke.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate refuse to concur in the amendments made in this House to the engrossed bill, entitled "an act to amend an act, to exempt certain property from being subject to execution;" and he withdrew.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that on some subsequent day of this session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to exempt certain property from execution.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from the House, entitled, "an act to amend the act establishing and regulating Ferries," with sundry amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of the House; and he withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Graham inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee on enrolled Bills, reported, that he had presented to his excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature, an enrolled bill,

entitled, "an act for the relief of the securities of John Upham, deceased."

An enrolled Bill, entitled, "an act to amend an act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company."

And an enrolled joint resolution disapproving of the vote of the Honorable Waller, in a certain case, and for other purposes.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate adhere to the engrossed bill, entitled, "an act to amend the act to exempt certain property from execution," as they passed it; and he withdrew.

The House, now, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill creating the office and defining the duties of a master in Chancery,

Mr. Holman in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Holman reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments thereto, in which he requested the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker.—I am directed to announce to the House of Representatives, that the Governor did, on the 23d inst. approve and sign an act for the relief of the securities of John Upham, deceased.

The House now, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the select Committee, to whom was referred the petition of David Deem, and others, praying a new county out of the counties of Sullivan, Daviess and Owen.

Mr. Morgan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Morgan reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

On motion,
The House concurred in the report of the select Committee.

And the House adjourned till to morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Friday, December 24th, 1819.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Dunbar handed in at the Clerk's table a remonstrance of Elizabeth Beon, and others, remonstrating against the petition of Thomas Posey, and others, praying the sale of part of the public square in Corydon, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Dunbar.

Order d, To be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Posey, and others.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on enrolled Bills, reported, that that Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed memorials, an enrolled memorial to Congress on the subject of school sections.

An enrolled memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana to Congress, on the subject of changing the terms of sale of public lands in this state.

And an enrolled memorial to Congress on the subject of locating an additional land office at Brownstown, in the county of Jackson, and had found the same duly enrolled.

Mr. Ross, from the same Committee, further reported, that the said Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed resolution an enrolled joint reso-

lution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and had found the same duly enrolled.

Mr. Ross, from the same Committee, further reported, that the said Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed bills, an enrolled bill, entitled, "an act for the appointment of trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of schools or meeting houses"

And an enrolled bill, entitled, "an act to establish a permanent seat of justice for Owen county," and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the said memorials, resolution, and enrolled bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Eleanor Dewese, reported a bill to dissolve the bands of matrimony between the said Eleanor Dewese and Jubilee Dewese, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker,—I am authorised to announce to the House of Representatives, that the Governor did, on the 22d inst. approve and sign a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the appropriation of certain sums of money therein named, to Messrs. Brandon and M. Cullough, and Messrs. Cox and Nelson, in advance for printing at this session, (1819) and he withdrew.

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the infant heirs of Andrew Fulton, deceased, reported a bill for their benefit, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Blake, from the judiciary Committee, reported a bill to provide for the changing of the venue, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of foreign and domestic attachments, reported a bill to amend the act relative to foreign and domestic attachments, which was read, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion,

The orders of the day were now taken up.

The engrossed memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, praying an extension of time for payments for public lands, was read a third time, and adopted.

Ordered, That **Mr. Dunbar** inform the Senate.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to authorise the citizens of Monroe county to elect a president and trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes.

Mr. John in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And **Mr. John** reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the *H* use.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by **Mr. Little**.

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed to inform this *House*, that the Senate have adopted the memorial of the General Assembly, of the state of Indiana, praying an extension of time for the payment for public lands which originated in this House.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the

act, entitled, "an act regulating the fees of several officers and persons therein named,"

Mr. Allen in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Allen reported, the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had adopted sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments adopted in the Committee of the whole.

Mr. Warner moved to amend the said bill by striking out the words seventy five cents, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words fifty cents, and the question being put,

Shall the amendment proposed be adopted?

It was decided in the affirmative.

And so the bill was amended.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The said bill was amended by striking it out from the enacting clause:

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Graham, Milroy and Evans, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Dunbar gave notice, that on to-morrow or some subsequent day of this session, he would introduce a bill amendatory to the act respecting Public Seminaries, and for other purposes.

And the House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill declaring certain streams therein named navigable,

Mr. Hay in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr Hay reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again, but leave not being granted, the said bill was,

On motion,

Referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Milroy, Sullivan, Dunbar, Graham, John, Allen and Holman, were appointed that Committee.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend an act, entitled, "an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution;" approved Jan. 7th, 1848,

Mr. Maddox in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Maddox reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which the concurrence of the House was requested.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and 40 copies thereof printed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Polke.

Mr. Speaker.—I am directed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, to amend the act regulating marriages, with sundry amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of this House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Senate generally.

Mr. Holman gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some succeeding day of this session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the complaints preferred against Bazil Prather, Clerk of Washington county, and ascertain whether they were of an impeachable nature, and sufficiently substantiated to justify a further investigation, made the following report.

That they have examined the witnesses referred to by the complainant, carefully taken their testimony, and given the subject such consideration as the limited convenience of this place would admit of. It appears that the said Bazil Prather, has for years, been wanting in the discharge of his official duty, so much so that much injury has accrued to persons litigant in the court, in which he officiated. This will also appear fully to the satisfaction of the House by a reference to the documents herewith submitted, particularly to the testimony of R. W. Nelson. This witness has particularized the cases of Andrew House, vs. James Mitchell, and of Morris, vs. Rude and Blackburn, which were among the trials of said Court. In these cases, important papers which had been filed in the office, could not be produced by the Clerk, and a great unnecessary expense ensued to the parties, and these circumstances have been attributed solely to the misconduct of the Clerk. There is also, a charge against him which your Committee particularly regret to mention, but which is strongly supported by the testimony, that for years he has been sinking under the habit of intoxication, and is finally rendered incapable of a proper discharge of his official duties. Therefore, to afford the accused an opportunity to justify his conduct, and relieve his character from the weight of those charges, the Committee recommend for the adoption of the House, the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to draught

articles of impeachment against the said Basil Prather, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington county, in conformity with the testimony herewith reported.

Testimony taken by the Committee appointed to enquire into the complaints preferred against Basil Prather, Clerk of Washington county.

Samuel Milroy states under oath, that the accused is subject to habitual intemperance in the use of spirituous liquor, and the general report is, that he has very much neglected the duties of the said office.

John F. Ross states under oath, that for a year past, he has frequently seen the accused in Court, in a state of intoxication. He does not keep within the knowledge of the witness, any regular and proper record, of Court proceedings, but only a minute book, and that he had repeatedly left in the office of the accused, memorandum for executions to issue, but the accused neglected the same, and did not issue them until the witness subsequently applied in person.

John H. Thompson states under oath, that he has been a practising Attorney in Washington county, for several years past, and has observed during that time, that the situation, and conduct of the accused, rendered him unfit for the office of Clerk, in his opinion.

The Committee also, submit the following documents for the information of the House.

R. W. Nelson states, to the gentlemen, committee of the House of Representatives, on the subject of the impeachment of Basil Prather, Clerk of Washington county Circuit Court, for official misconduct, that he is knowing generally to a want of order, and regularity in the office of said Clerk, that complaints are frequently made of the loss of important papers filed of record in the office; that in two particular cases of Andrew House, vs. James Mitchell, and Morris, vs. Kude and Blackburn, depending in said Court, important papers which had been filed with the said Clerk, a deposition in one case, and a note in the other, were lost, and con-

siderable delay and expense thereby occasioned to the parties, and that the said Bazil Prather, appears to be almost always in a state, bordering on stupidity arising from the excessive use of ardent spirits.

Jeremiah Rowland, being duly sworn says, that he has been well acquainted with Bazil Prather, for two years past, during which period the said Prather, has been Clerk of the Circuit Court, in Washington county, and is well acquainted with the manner in which he has done the business of his said office, and he verily believes that the said Prather, during the period aforesaid, has wholly neglected to keep any record of the proceedings of said Court, except what is called the order book, that he has also, for the period aforesaid, neglected to keep any execution book, or any account, or memorandum of executions issued from, or returned to his said office, and when any judgment in said Court, is satisfied, there is no record made of the same, except the return of the officer on the execution; that said Prather during the period aforesaid, has so neglected to keep and preserve the papers belonging to suits that have been determined in said Court, that it is with great difficulty a complete record can be obtained; that during the period aforesaid, the papers belonging to suits pending in said Court, were kept in a state of confusion, being promiscuously intermingled with papers not belonging to the business of said Court, in a confused mass, and in some instances, declarations, pleas and other proceedings have been totally lost to the great damage of suitors: that he has neglected to attend at his office; and it is with much difficulty, that any writ or process can be obtained from his office, and frequently fails to issue, after being repeatedly requested, and ordered; that said Prather in the discharge of his duties generally as Clerk aforesaid, during the period aforesaid, has been guilty of notorious inattention and neglect; that during said period, he has been in the habitual practice of intemperance, which is increasing, so

that at present, he is not in a proper situation to do business as Clerk aforesaid, for a considerable portion of his time.

JEREMIAH ROWLAND,

Sworn to before me the undersigned, this 21st day of December, 1819.

JOSEPH Mc'MAHAN, J. P. H. C.

Davis Floyd, having been called upon by the Committee to whom was referred the charges exhibited by R. W. Nelson, against Brazil Prather Clerk of Washington county, on his oath states, that he has been for some years acquainted with Brazil Prather, that he has always considered him a man of strict integrity, and qualified to discharge the duties of Clerk, that for some time past he has discovered that said Prather, drank to excess, so as partially to disqualify him from performing his duty as Clerk, that since this deponent has had honor of presiding in that Court, he has had a better opportunity of discovering his incapacity at certain periods. This deponent did delay an examination into the state of the Clerk's office, for two or three Courts past, under repeated assurances of amendment, that this deponent knows of papers in suits having been lost, or mislaid, so as to cause considerable confusion in the progress of business. Specification, that the note and declaration was lost, or mislaid, in the suit of Thompson A. Rude, against Joseph Blackburn, &c. That certain depositions lodged as evidence in the suit of House, against Mitchell, was lost, or mislaid. That from habitual intemperance the said Brazil Prather, appears to have so impaired his intellect, as at times to appear *stupid*, and incapable of performing his duty in a Clerical manner.

That this deponent believes, that all the objection to

said Prather, arises from his intemperance, and further saith not.

DAVID FLOYD,

Sworn and subscribed to before me Dec 21st, 1819.

Wm. TRUITT, J. P.

By request I make the following statement under oath, in relation to the conduct of Basil Prather, Clerk of the Washington Circuit Court.

In the general, the conduct of Mr. Prather, in his office is highly exceptionable. He is almost constantly in a state of intoxication, and his papers are in great and perplexing confusion. I cannot refer with accuracy to any particular instance of malconduct, which resulted injuriously to parties in Court, but I have some recollection, that in the case of Andrew House, vs. James Mitchell, for slander, in which some depositions were taken, the depositions were lost, and the consequence was a continuance of the cause, if I am not mistaken, and as to this point, I will not be positive, at the costs of the defendant, for whom I appeared as counsel. There was another cause, the names of the parties have escaped my recollection, but I think it was the case of Morris, vs. Blackburn, in which a note and declaration were lost.

JOHN N. DUNBAR.

Which documents, and the report aforesaid, were ordered to lie on the table, and the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday, December 25th, 1819.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion by Mr. Blake,

The House adopted the resolution recommended by the report of the Committee to whom was referred the

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On motion by Mr. Blake,

The House adopted the resolution recommended by the report of the Committee to whom was referred the

complaint exhibited against Basil Prather, clerk of the Washington Circuit Court, by Reuben W. Nelson.

And thereupon,

Messrs Blake, Evans and Sullivan, were appointed the Committee contemplated by the said resolution, with leave to report, by preferring articles of impeachment.

Mr. Evans presented the remonstrance of John McIntire, and others, against the petition of Henry Hopkins, and others, praying a removal of the seat of justice of Pike county, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Referred to the Committee to whom was referred the aforesaid petition of Henry Hopkins, and others.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee to whom was referred the bill amendatory to the act regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein named, reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the *House*.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The *House* adopted the amendments made by the select Committee.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

Mr. Dunbar, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to amend the act regulating county Seminaries, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That a select Committee be appointed to inquire, what amendments, if any are necessary, to the act regulating privileges.

And Messrs. Ross, Thomasson and Warner, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Thomasson handed in at the Clerk's table, the following protest against the passage of a joint resolu-

tion disapproving of the vote of the Hon. Waller Taylor, in a certain case, and for other purposes, viz

The undersigned begs leave to protest against the joint resolution "censuring the Hon. Waller Taylor, and for other purposes," for a vote given by him in the Senate of the United States, [Congress] upon a motion to recommit the bill establishing a separate territorial government in the southern part of the *Missouri* territory, to a select Committee, with instructions so to amend the same that the further introduction of slavery should be precluded, for the following reasons, to wit:

First. In a government like ours, where all power emanates from the people, few will deny the right of instruction, and all should adhere to it; but to censure a Representative for a vote given without any instructions, upon a question which does not immediately affect the interest of his constituents, is a procedure so novel, that it should be resorted to but in extreme cases, and that too with caution.

Second. It has a tendency to reflect a want of integrity in the General Assembly who made him their choice.

Third. Notwithstanding, our feelings as individuals, may be warmly enlisted in the cause of humanity, and our best wishes that we may, before long, under the wise policy of the general government, in gradually emancipating those unfortunate people, see the time when the detestable practice of slavery will be put down among us; yet for us, as a Legislative body, to interfere and prevent the people of *Missouri* from forming themselves into an independent sovereignty, and thereby extricate themselves from territorial difficulties, similar to those from which we, as a state, have just emerged, is a departure from our duty: an unprecedented and unjustifiable interference in the municipal regulations of a sister state or territory.

Fourth. It is assented to by all, that the people of *Missouri* have, at this time, a vested right to hold slaves,

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Third. Notwithstanding, our feelings as individuals, may be warmly enlisted in the cause of humanity, and our best wishes that we may, before long, under the wise policy of the general government, in gradually emancipating those unfortunate people, see the time when the detestable practice of slavery will be put down among us; yet for us, as a Legislative body, to interfere and prevent the people of *Missouri* from forming themselves into an independent sovereignty, and thereby extricate themselves from territorial difficulties, similar to those from which we, as a state, have just emerged, is a departure from our duty; an unprecedented and unjustifiable interference in the municipal regulations of a sister state or territory.

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and it seems to have been the intention of Congress to prevent the further introduction of slavery into the territory, and provide for the gradual emancipation of those that are there already, and under those restrictions to permit the people of Missouri to form a state government for themselves. It is even doubted by some, whether Congress has the power to lay those restrictions; but they having for their object the removal of so great a national evil, will meet the well wishes and friendly aid of all; but the present resolution goes further than was ever intended by Congress; or than any one will be willing to acknowledge. Congress has the power to go without encroaching upon the charter of our Union. It is "to instruct our Senators and request our Representative in Congress, to use their best exertions against the admission of any new state into the union, unless such new state consent to the adoption of provisions which preclude and prohibit the practice of slavery within its limits;" which will operate as an instant liberation of the slaves that are there, and if they do not assent to those restrictions, to remain as they are. Such language from the people of Indiana, who have but just thrown off the shackles of a territorial government, is but badly graced when it is applied to the people of Missouri, who are asking the same privilege under the principles of "equal right to all."

WILLIAM P. THOMASSON.

On motion.

The orders of the day were now taken up.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, to amend the act, entitled, "an act regulating the duties and jurisdiction of Justices of the peace."

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Dunbar reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under

consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill by the Committee of the whole.

Mr. Milroy moved to amend the said bill by inserting after the words *Justice of the Peace*, the words in "all cases where the sum in controversy shall exceed three dollars"

And the question being put, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Dunbar, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Chambers,
Jelly,
Maddox,

Milroy,
Warner. &
Zenor—6.

NOES.

Messrs. Blake,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,
John,

Lynn,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Ross,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson, &
Thompson—18.

And so the proposed amendment was lost.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The House, now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act establishing the Supreme Court, and regulating the practice therein,"

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Ross reported, that the Committee of the

and it seems to have been the intention of Congress to prevent the further introduction of slavery into the territory, and provide for the gradual emancipation of those that are there already, and under those restrictions to permit the people of Missouri to form a state government for themselves. It is even doubted by some, whether Congress has the power to lay those restrictions; but they having for their object the removal of so great a national evil, will meet the well wishes and friendly aid of all; but the present resolution goes further than was ever intended by Congress; or than any one will be willing to acknowledge. Congress has the power to go without encroaching upon the charter of our Union. It is "to instruct our Senators and request our Representative in Congress, to use their best exertions against the admission of any new state into the union, unless such new state consent to the adoption of provisions which preclude and prohibit the practice of slavery within its limits;" which will operate as an instant liberation of the slaves that are there, and if they do not assent to those restrictions, to remain as they are. Such language from the people of Indiana, who have but just thrown off the shackles of a territorial government, is but badly graced when it is applied to the people of Missouri, who are asking the same privilege under the principles of "equal right to all."

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Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Dunbar reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under

consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill by the Committee of the whole.

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Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,
John,

Lynn,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Ross,
Saler,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson, &
Thompson—13.

And so the proposed amendment was lost.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The House, now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act establishing the Supreme Court, and regulating the practice therein,"

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Ross reported, that the Committee of the

whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

And no leave was granted.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

The said bill was referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Thompson, Thomasson and Blake, were appointed that Committee.

On motion,

The House now adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Monday, December 27th, 1819.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Evans gave notice, that on to morrow, or some subsequent day, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to prevent certain improper practices.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of memorializing Congress on the subject of appointing a Surveyor to run and blaze the boundary line between the state of Illinois and this state.

Mr. Milroy gave notice, that he would on to morrow, or some subsequent day of the present session, ask leave to introduce a bill regulating interest on protested bank notes, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

Resolved. That the judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the law now in force, regulating the issuing of writs of habeas corpus.

Mr. Merrill gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some subsequent day of the present session, he would introduce a bill to regulate proceeding in impeachments of justices of the peace.

Mr. Ewing presented the remonstrance of Terrence Conner, and others, remonstrating against a removal of the seat of justice of Perry county, which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Lyon, and others.

Mr. Evans gave notice, that on to morrow, or some subsequent day of the present session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill defining the duties of chartered banks and branches, in this state.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

The orders of the day were now taken up.

The engrossed bill more effectually to prevent duelling, was read a third time.

And the question being put,

Shall the bill pass?

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Thompson and Dunbar, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Blake,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Grass,
Holman,
John,
Lynn,

Maddox,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner. &
Zenor.—17.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Ewing,
Graham,
Hay,
Hill,
Jelly,

Lindley,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson.—11.

Ordered, That the bill last mentioned, be entitled as act.

whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

And no leave was granted.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

The said bill was referred to a select Committee.

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On motion by Mr. Ross,

The orders of the day were now taken up.

The engrossed bill more effectually to prevent duelling, was read a third time.

And the question being put,

Shall the bill pass?

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Thompson and Dunbar, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Blake,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Grass,
Holman,
John,
Lynn,

Maddox,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner, &
Zenor.—17.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Ewing,
Graham,
Hay,
Hill,
Jelly,

Lindley,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson.—11.

Ordered, That the bill last mentioned, be entitled an act.

And that Mr. Evans inform the Senate thereof, and desire their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill to incorporate Madison Academy, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act,

And that Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill to amend the act to license and regulate taverns, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act.

And that Mr. Warner inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill to amend the act regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act.

And that Mr. Graham inform the Senate thereof.

The bill to amend the act respecting county Seminaries, was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act to regulate estrays and water craft going adrift," was read a second time,

And on motion by Mr. Thompson,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill appointing Commissioners to locate and open a road from Madison to Vernon, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill for the relief of William Hoggatt, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The bill to incorporate the Borough of Charlestown,

in Clark county, was read a second time, and

On motion by *Mr. Hay*,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill for the relief of the heirs of James Marrs, deceased, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion by *Mr. Milroy*,

The orders of the day were postponed for the present.

On motion by *Mr. Milroy*,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of memorializing the President of the United States, requesting that all monies received in payment for public lands in the state of Indiana, be deposited in the banks of said state.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of repealing the act regulating public Seminaries, and for other purposes, reported that in the opinion of the Committee, it would be inexpedient to repeal said law.

Mr. Chambers, gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some subsequent day of this session, he would introduce a bill for the relief of the settlers on the reserved township in *Monroe* county.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that he would, on to-morrow, or some succeeding day of the present session, ask leave to introduce a bill regulating the interest on money loaned, the rate thereof, and who shall be authorised to receive the same.

The orders of the day were now resumed.

The bill to amend the act providing for the election of county and township officers, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The bill appointing Commissioners to locate and open a road from Veray to Versailles, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The bill to regulate grist mills and millers, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The bill to provide for the changing of the venue, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to amend the act authorising the appointment of Pilots, at the Falls of Ohio, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The joint resolution to present to the American Antiquarian society, copies of the Constitution, Laws and Journals of this state, was read and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion,

The orders of the day were postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Allen gave notice, that on to-morrow or some succeeding day of this session, he would introduce a bill to authorise the foremen of Grand Juries to administer oaths in certain cases.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday, Dec. 28th, 1819.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Holman pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, for the relief of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county, which was read, and

Ordered, To be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Grass presented the petition of Sally Griffiths, praying a divorce from William Griffiths, her husband, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and

On motion,

Ordered To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Grass, Ewing and Dunbar, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have reconsidered their vote, rejecting the memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, to Congress, on the subject of the reserved township of land in Orange county, which originated in the House of Representatives, and that they have adopted the same without amendment.

Mr. Ross gave notice, that on to-morrow, or some subsequent day of this session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to authorise the laying out, and establishing a Road from New Albany, to Salem.

Mr. Milroy, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of passing an act to prohibit any civil officer from holding any office in, or belonging to any Chartered Bank in this state. reported a bill for that purpose, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Milroy pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to regulate interest on protested bank notes, which he read, and

Ordered, To be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that on some subsequent day of this session, he would introduce a bill to authorise the laying out, and establishing of a road, from

McDonalds Ferry. in Clark county, to Brownstown in Jackson county.

Mr. Holman from the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the division of sections of land, into quarters, reported that the said Committee had according to order, had that subject under consideration, and that in the opinion of the Committee, it would be inexpedient to legislate on the subject.

Yet they recommend that it be provided for by law, that a suitable person be appointed to run division lines in cases where the county surveyor is interested in the division, for which purpose he reported a bill, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the act defining and regulating privileges, reported a bill for that purpose, which was read and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Hay from the Committee to whom was referred the petitions of William K. Richey, and others, John Cave and others, and of Jesse Jackson and others, reported that the Committee had according to order, had the said petitions under consideration, and as they all embrace a part of the same Territory, and as the Committee are satisfied that there should be a new county, in that part of the state, they had instructed him to report a bill for that purpose, which bill he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Ross, presented the remonstrance of Henry Benton and others against the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Clark, Washington, Jackson, Jennings and Jefferson, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Allen pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, to authorise the foreman of Grand Juries to administer

oaths in certain cases, which was read, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Jelly gave notice, that he would on to morrow, or some subsequent day of the present session, introduce a bill authorising the establishing a road from the town of the Rising Sun in Dearborn county, to Versailles, in Ripley county, and for other purposes.

Mr. Evans pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to prevent certain improper practices, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled “an act more effectually to prevent duelling” which bill was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Blake, introduced a joint resolution of instruction to our Representatives, and Senators in Congress, on the subject of the appointment of Federal officers in this state, which was read, and the rule being dispensed with, was read a second time and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for this day.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—The President of the Senate, has signed an enrolled bill, entitled “an act to establish a permanent seat of justice for Owen county.”

Also a memorial to Congress on the subject of locating an additional Land office, at Brownstown, in Jackson county.

Mr. Dunbar gave notice, that on some subsequent day of the present session, he would introduce a bill to repeal all laws exempting certain property from execution.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the joint resolution of instruction to our Representatives, and Sen-

ators in Congress on the subject of appointment to Federal offices in this state.

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Graham reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and had made some amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments adopted by the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading this day.

Mr. Blake, from the judiciary Committee, reported a bill authorising the issuing writs of Habeas Corpus, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Ross,

The rule was dispensed with, and the said bill was read a second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have reconsidered their vote for the indefinite postponement of the engrossed bill, which originated in the House of Representatives, entitled ‘an act for the benefit of George White,’ and that they have passed said bill, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of this House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The House now proceeded to a consideration of the orders of the day.

The bill authorising the arrest of naval vessels, in certain cases, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill for opening the navigation of Patoka river, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The bill for the relief of persons imprisoned for the non payment of fines, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to form a new county, out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois, was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, to appoint Commissioners to fix the seat of justice for Wayne county.

Mr. Milroy in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Milroy* reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole.

Mr. Thomasson moved, to amend the said bill by adding the following :

‘Provided that should the seat of justice be located at any other place than Centreville; then the Trustees of Centreville, shall be allowed the value of the public build-

ings by them erected, to be assessed by the Commissioners locating the scite, and to be paid out of the funds of the county, for the use of those persons who were at the expence of erecting the same.

And the question being put,

Shall this amendment be adopted ?

It was decided in the negative, and the ayes and noes having been called for by Messrs. Thomasson and Warner, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES.

Messrs. Chambers,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Holman,
Hill,
Lynn,

Lindley,
Milroy,
Ross,
Thompson,
Thomasson &
Zenor.—13.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Hay,
Jelly,
John,

Merrill,
Maddox,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland, &
Warner.—15.

And so the motion was lost.

Mr. Holman moved, that the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed, and the question being put,

Shall the further consideration of this bill, be indefinitely postponed?

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Holman and Dunbar, the votes were as follows.

AYES.

Messrs. Chambers,
Evaus,
Ewing,
Grass,
Graham,
Hill,
Holman,

Lindly,
Lynn,
Milroy,
Ross,
Thompson,
Thomasson, &
Zenor—14.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Hay,
Jelly,
John,
Maddox,

Merrill,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Warner, &
Dunn, Spe'r 15.

And so the motion was lost.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill regulating damages on protested bills of exchange.

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Dunbar* reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made an amendment thereto, in which he was directed to desire the concurrence of the House.

On motion by *Mr. Dunbar*,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill by the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

The engrossed bill authorising the citizens of Monroe county, to elect a President and Trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the said bill be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Chambers inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill, creating the office, and defining the duties of a master in Chancery, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the said bill be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Morgan inform the Senate of the passage thereof.

The engrossed bill, from the Senate, entitled 'an act to amend the act regulating the jurisdiction, and duties of justices of the peace,' was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross, inform the Senate thereof.

The bill for the relief of Joseph W. Doak, was read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

The further consideration of the orders of the day were postponed till to morrow.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the arrest and safe keeping of fugitives from justice.

And Messrs Ross, Sullivan and Danbar, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Bigger and others, reported that the Committee have according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and had adopt-

ed a memorial, which the Committee had directed him to request the House to adopt.

On motion,

The House adopted said memorial.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed joint resolution of instruction to our Senators in Congress, on the subject of appointments to federal offices in the state, was now read a third time, and on the question of its passage, and the ayes and noes being demanded.

Messrs. Evans, Maddox, Merrill and Thompson voted in the negative, and all the rest in the affirmative.

And so the resolution was adopted.

Ordered, That Mr. Blake. inform the Senate thereof.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, December 29th, 1819.

The House now met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Hopkins, and others, praying a removal of the seat of justice of Pike county, and the remonstrance of John M'Intire, and others, reported, that in the opinion of the Committee, the prayer of the petitioners is premature, and ought not to be granted.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Noble, and others, reported a bill defining the duties of county Commissioners, in certain cases, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Graham, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to encourage the manufacturing of Salt in this state, which

was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Grass, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sally Griffiths, reported a bill to divorce her from William Griffiths, her present husband, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee to whom was referred the propriety of providing by law for the arrest of fugitives from justice, reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the said subject under consideration, and had directed him to report a bill to provide for the arrest of fugitives from justice, which bill he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Merrill, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to regulate proceedings in impeachments of justices of the peace, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Dunbar asked, and obtained leave to present the petition of Mann Butler, praying a compensation for printing the Journals of the Convention and the Constitution of this state, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Dunbar, Morgan and Graham, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a communication from Eli Lee, trustee of the Public Seminary of Monroe county, from which it appeared that he had received as trustee of the Seminary aforesaid, \$53 51 3-4.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Gabriel Richards, and others, praying that a part of Jackson county be attached to Lawrence county, reported, that in the opinion of the Com-

mittee the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

On motion,

The *House* concurred in the report of the Committee.

Mr. Evans, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to regulate the duties and powers of incorporated banks in this state, and their branches, and for other purposes, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on *Monday* next.

On motion,

Ordered, That forty copies of the said bill be printed for the use of the members of the General Assembly.

On motion by Mr. Holman,

The *House* now resumed the consideration of the orders of the day.

The bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act for the relief of the poor," was read a second time, and

On motion by Mr. Ross,

Ordered, That the said last mentioned bill be referred to a Committee of the whole *House*, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled, "an act defining seals to be affixed to instruments in writing, and for other purposes," was read, and

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Ordered. That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole *House*; and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill attaching the new purchase to certain counties therein named, was read, and

On motion,

Ordered To be referred to a Committee of the whole *House*, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to provide for the sale of part of the Seminary township in Gibson county, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole *House*, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Milroy,

The bill to amend the act, entitled "an act subjecting real and personal property to execution," was recommended to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for this day.

On motion by Mr. Milroy,

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill last mentioned,

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Ross reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

The House adopted the amendments made by the Committee of the whole.

And the House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives, to the engrossed bill, entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled, an act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of Justices of the peace," approved Jan. 28th, 1818.

And then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cotton.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed a bill which originated in this House, entitled "an act to incorporate Madison Academy," without any amendment; and he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Gray*

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled, “an act amendatory to an act to license and regulate taverns,” which originated in this House; and he withdrew.

The House now resumed the consideration of the bill to amend the act, entitled “an act to subject real and personal property to execution.”

Mr. Milroy moved to amend the said bill by inserting at the close of the 5th section, the following proviso, viz;

Provided. That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to affect any contract entered into previous to the passage of this act. any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding,

And the question being put,

Shall this amendment be adopted?

It was decided in the negative,

And the ayes and noes being called for by *Messrs. Milroy and Dunbar*, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Blake,
Chambers,
Evans,
Graham,

Lindley,
Milroy &
Warner—7.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,
John,

Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Ross,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson &
Thompson—20.

And so the proposed amendment was lost.

Mr. Dunbar moved to amend the said bill, by inserting after the 4th section the following proviso. viz:

Provided. That the provisions of this act shall not be so construed as to effect any judgment or execution obtained previous to the taking effect of this act, when the plaintiff in the cause shall be indebted to the amount of such judgment or execution to the United States for lands purchased in his or her own name, he or she being a resident of this state.

And the question being put,

Shall this amendment be adopted?

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Dunbar and Milroy, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,

Graham,
Lindly,
Milroy,
Thomasson,
Warner, &
Zenor—12.

NOES.

Messrs. Crisler,
Grass,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,
John,
Lynn,

Maddox,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Ross,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland, &
Thompson,—16.

And so the motion was lost.

Mr. Milroy moved to amend the said bill by striking out the third section,

And the question being put,

Shall the said bill be so amended?

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Thompson, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Blake,
Chambers,
Evans,
Graham,
Hay,

Lindley,
Milroy,
Ross,
Thomasson, &
Warner—10.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,
John,

Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thompson &
Zenor—18.

And so the motion was lost.

On motion by Mr. Merrill,

The said bill was amended by inserting at the end of the third section the following. viz:

“Or such part thereof as he shall think proper at its appraised value, which shall be endorsed on the execution.”

Mr. Milroy moved to amend the said bill by striking out the proviso to the fourth section, and insert in lieu thereof the following, viz:

“At the expiration of which time, execution shall issue, and the same proceedings shall be had as is presented on replevin bonds by the laws now in force.”

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Thompson, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Blake,
Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Graham,

Lindley,
Milroy,
Thomasson &
Warner.—9.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,	Lynn,
Crisler,	Maddox,
Ewing,	Morgan,
Grass,	Ross,
Hay,	Salor,
Holman,	Sullivan,
Hill,	Sutherland,
Jelly,	Thompson, &
John,	Zenor.—18.

And so the motion was lost.

Mr. Thomasson moved to amend the said bill by striking it out from the enacting clause.

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Thomasson and Dunbar, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Blake,	Hay,
Chambers,	Lindley,
Dunbar,	Milroy,
Evans,	Thomasson, &
Graham,	Warner—10.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,	Maddox,
Crisler,	Merrill,
Ewing,	Morgan,
Grass,	Ross,
Hill,	Salor,
Holman,	Sullivan,
Jelly,	Sutherland,
John,	Thompson, &
Lynn,	Zenor.—18.

And so the motion was lost.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time to morrow.

The bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary, and letters of administration," was read the second time, and ordered

to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill for the limitation of criminal prosecutions, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill making informers liable for costs in certain cases, was read a second time,

And thereupon,

Mr. Thompson moved that the further consideration thereof, be postponed indefinitely,

And the question being put,

Shall this bill be indefinitely postponed?

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Thompson and Dunbar, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Allen,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hill,
Jelly,
John,
Lindley,

Lynn,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Ross,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Thomasson,
Thompson, &
Warner—18.

NOES.

Messrs. Blake,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Graham,
Hay,

Holman,
Maddox,
Milroy,
Sutherland, &
Zenor—10.

And so the further consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Hay from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported, that

The memorial to Congress on the subject of locating an additional Land Office at Brownstown, in the county of Jackson, and

The enrolled bill, entitled "an act to establish a permanent seat of justice for Owen county," were this day presented to his Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature.

The bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution," was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr Ross from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported, that that Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed, a memorial to Congress on the subject of the reserved township of land in Orange county, and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the said memorial

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof.

The bill for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, deceased, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill abolishing the board of County Commissioners, and establishing a county Court of Justices of the Peace, was read a second time; and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill dissolving the bands of matrimony between Jubilee Duese and Eleanor Duese, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

The bill for the benefit of the heirs of Andrew Fulton, deceased, was read a second time; and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

And the House adjourned till to morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday, Dec. 30th.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ewing, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Lyon and others, reported that the said Committee had according to order, had the said petition under consideration, and had directed him to report a bill, for the removal of the seat of justice of Perry county, which bill, he handed in at the clerk's table, where it was read, and passed to a second reading to morrow.

Mr. Thompson presented the petition of Epaphus Jones, in reply to a remonstrance against his petition heretofore presented and read.

Also the memorial of Charles Taylor, and other citizens of Jeffersonville, in corroboration of the said petition of Epaphus Jones, which were read, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Epaphus Jones, first presented, and read in this House.

Mr. Lynn. presented the petition of Jesse Y. Wilbourn and others, praying an act of incorporation for Mount Vernon company, which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Lynn, Grass and Evans, were appointed that Committee.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the orders of the day.

The bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Washington, Jennings and Jackson, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

The engrossed joint resolution to furnish the American Antiquarian society, with copies of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Indiana, and of the Journals of the General Assembly thereof, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill, authorising the issuing of writs of Habeas Corpus, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Ross, inform the Senate of the passage thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled 'an act to organize a board of Physicians, for the fourth Medical District, in the state of Indiana,' which bill he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and

Ordered, To be read a second time to morrow.

The engrossed bill for the benefit of the heirs of Andrew Fulton, dec'd. was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled 'an act,' and that the Senate be informed of the passage thereof.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to announce to this House, that the Governor, did on the 29th instant, approve and sign an act, entitled "an act to establish the permanent seat of justice for Owen county;" also

A memorial to Congress, on the subject of locating an additional land office at Brownstown, in the county of Jackson.

The engrossed bill to open the navigation of Patoka river, and for other purposes, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that the Senate be informed thereof.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Gray*.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled 'an act, to amend the act authorising the granting of letters testamentary, and of letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estate, and for other purposes.'

The House now resumed the consideration of the engrossed bill, to appoint Commissioners to fix a permanent seat of justice for *Wayne county*.

On motion by *Mr. Ross*,

The said bill was recommitted to the Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day, for this day.

The House according to order, now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill appointing Commissioners to locate a scite for a permanent seat of Government for the State of Indiana.

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Graham* reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill, under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had instructed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole.

On motion by *Mr. Dunbar*,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion by *Mr. Holman*,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of

the whole, on the bill appointing Commissioners to fix a permanent seat of justice for Wayne county,

Mr. Sullivan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sullivan reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they requested the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the several amendments made to the said bill in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the President of the Senate has this day signed an enrolled joint resolution proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

An enrolled bill, entitled “an act for the appointment of trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of schools or meeting houses.”

A memorial to Congress on the subject of changing the terms of sale of public lands; all of which originated in the House of Representatives.

And a memorial to Congress on the subject of school sections, which originated in the Senate; and he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have adopted the memorial to Congress which originated in the House of Representatives, praying a compensation to the company of mounted rangers commanded by Captain James

Bigger, with sundry amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

On motion by Mr. Thompson,

The House concurred in the amendments adopted by the Senate.

The engrossed bill regulating damages on protested bills of exchange, was read a third time and passed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act.

Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate of the passage thereof.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary, and letters of administration," was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time to morrow.

The engrossed bill for the relief of William Hoggatt, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act.

And that Mr. Chambers inform the Senate of the passage thereof.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois.

Mr. John in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. John reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered. That the same be engrossed, and read a third time to morrow.

The engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled, "an act

subjecting real and personal property to execution," was read a third time, and on the question of its passage, the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Graham and Hay, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Allen,
Crisler,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,
John,
Lynn,

Maddox,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Ross,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thompson, &
Zenor---18.

NOES.

Messrs. Blake,
Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Graham,

Hay,
Lindley,
Milroy,
Thomasson, &
Warner---10.

And so the bill passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act.

And that Mr. John inform the Senate of the passage thereof.

On motion by Mr. Blake,

The orders of the day were postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Blake, from the Committee appointed to act with similar Committee on the part of the Senate, on the subject of a revision of the laws of this state reported, that that Committee had, according to order, had the said subject under consideration, and that in the opinion of the Committee, the statute laws of this state ought to be revised during the recess of the Legislature, and reported at their next session.

And further, that the Committee do not undertake to recommend any particulars, either in regard to the man-

ner of ameliorating the code, or to name such persons as they deem most worthy of that important trust, but respectfully suggest the expediency of having a Committee appointed to draft a bill for the accomplishment of the object.

By unanimous consent the last mentioned report was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Blake, from the Committee appointed to draft articles of impeachment against Basil Prather, clerk of the Washington Circuit Court, reported,

That that Committee had, according to order, performed that duty, and he thereupon handed the said articles of impeachment in at the clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows, viz:

Articles of accusation and impeachment against Basil Prather, clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington county, State of Indiana, preferred by the House of Representatives of said state, and exhibited to the Senate of said state.

ART. 1. That the said Basil Prather, clerk of the Washington Circuit Court, is altogether negligent of, and inattentive to, his official duty.

Specification 1st. That the said Basil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, has neglected to keep any record of the proceedings of the Washington Circuit Court, except what is called an order book, ever since his holding his said office.

Specification 2d. That the said Basil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, has neglected to keep an execution book, or to take or to preserve any memorandum of the executions issued from, and returned to, his office; of the names of the parties in such executions, and the proceedings thereon: and has, in that respect, entirely omitted to comply with the provisions of the law.

Specification 3d. That the said Basil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, has neglected ever since his holding his said office, to keep an office open on the days and times required by law, and has entirely deserted and neglected

the same, so that it has been, and still is, very difficult to procure a writ or process therefrom

ART. 2. That the said Bazil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, has been so careless about the preservation of papers, documents and records filed in his office, that important papers of suitors have been lost therefrom, to the great damage of such suitors and others, and to the hindrance of justice generally.

Specification 1st. Deposition taken and filed in the office of the said Bazil Prather, clerk of the Washington Circuit Court, to be read in a certain action, on the case for slander, depending in the said court, at their March term of 1819, in which action Andrew House was plaintiff, and James Mitchell was defendant, were mislaid or lost at said term, and in consequence thereof the said cause was continued.

Specification 2d. That the declaration in an action of debt, in a case in the same court, in which Thompson A. Reede was plaintiff, and Joseph Blackburn was defendant, was lost, together with the note in the same case, after having been filed in the office of the said Bazil Prather, clerk as aforesaid

ART. 31. That the said Bazil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, is guilty of habitual intoxication and constant drunkenness, and for three years last past, has been utterly incapable of performing the duties of his said office.

And the said House of Representatives saving to themselves by protestation, the liberty of exhibiting at any term any other accusation or impeachment against the said Bazil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, and also of replying to the answer which he, the said Bazil Prather, shall make to the impeachment aforesaid, and of offering proof of the premises and every part of them or any other accusation or impeachment which shall or may be exhibited as the case may require, do demand that the said Bazil Prather, clerk as aforesaid, may be put to answer all and every of the premises, and that such proceedings, examinations, trial and judgment may be

had against him as is conformable to the Constitution and Laws of this state.

And the said House of Representatives are ready to offer proof of the premises at such time as the Senate of the said state of Indiana may appoint.

Mr. Allen, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to prohibit the wearing of secret weapons, which he handed in at the clerk's table, where it was read, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee to whom was referred the bill to amend the act establishing the Supreme Court, and to regulate the practice therein, reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday, December 31, 1819.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee of ways and means, reported, that the said Committee had directed him to present a bill to expedite the collection of debts due this state, which bill he handed in at the clerk's table, where it was read, and

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

The same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of fees and fee bills, reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the said subject under consideration, and had directed him to report a bill concerning Clerks, which bill he handed in at the clerk's table, where it was read, and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Jelly, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill appointing Commissioners to lay out and open a road from the town of Rising Sun to Versailles, in Ripley county, and for other purposes, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Jelly,

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Ross presented the remonstrance of Joseph Figlar, and others, against the petition of Wm. K. Richey, and others, which was read, and referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of said Richey, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported, that that Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed, an enrolled bill, entitled, "an act to amend the act, entitled an act regulating the duties and jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," approved January 28th, 1818, and had found the same duly enrolled.

And thereupon the Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on education, reported, that that Committee had, according to order, had the subject assigned them under consideration, and had directed him to report a bill to establish a State Seminary, and for other purposes, which bill he handed in at the clerk's table, where it was read the first time, and

On motion by Mr. Ross, read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow,

Mr. Grass presented the petition of Samuel Goldsmith, praying certain relief therein named, which was read, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Grass, Ewing and Lynn, were appointed

ted that Committee to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. John presented the petition of Ephraim Porter, and others, praying an extension of the eastern boundary of Fayette county, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Chambers, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to appoint Commissioners to mark out a road from New Albany to Vincennes, which was read, and

On motion motion by Mr. Chambers,

Was read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee of ways and means, reported a bill amendatory to an act, entitled "an act for assessing and collecting revenue;" approved January 28th. 1818, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. Blake presented the petition of William Armstrong, and others, praying certain relief therein named, which was,

On motion,

Referred to a select Committee,

And Messrs. Blake, Allen and Warner, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed a bill from the House of Representatives, authorising the citizens of Monroe county to elect a President and Trustees for a county Library, with amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of the House.

Mr. Chambers gave notice, that on some subsequent day of the present session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill regulating interest.

Mr. Milroy, from the Committee on the subject of navigation, reported a bill declaring certain streams there-

in named public highways, which was read, and passed to a second reading to morrow.

On motion,

The House now concurred in the amendments made by the Senate, to the bill authorising the citizens of Monroe county to elect a President and Trustees for a county Library.

On motion,

The House now concurred in the amendments made by the Committee to whom was referred the bill to amend an act establishing a Supreme Court and regulating the practice therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled, "an act creating the office and defining the duties of a master in Chancery."

The House proceeded to consider the articles of impeachment preferred against Basil Prather, clerk of Washington Circuit Court.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same,

On motion by Mr. Blake,

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that the House of Representatives have preferred articles of impeachment against Basil Prather, clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington county, that they demand a trial and judgment thereon, and that the Senate be requested to fix upon a day for said trial; and further, that the House of Representatives have appointed Messrs. Blake, Evans, Merrill and Thomasson, to manage and prosecute said impeachment.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled an act more effectually to prevent duelling," was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed a joint resolution of instruction to our Representative and Senators in Congress, on the subject of appointments to federal offices within this state, with sundry amendments, in which they request the concurrence of this House.

And the question being put,

Will the House concur in the first amendment made by the Senate?

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Jelly and Thomasson, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs.	Evans,	Maddox,
	Ewing,	Merrill,
	Graham,	Milroy,
	Holman,	Ross, &
	Lindly,	Thompson,—10.

NOES.

Messrs.	Allen,	John,
	Blake,	Lynn,
	Chambers,	Morgan,
	Crisler,	Salor,
	Dunbar,	Sullivan,
	Grass,	Sutherland,
	Hay,	Thomasson,
	Hill,	Warner, &
	Jelly,	Z-nor—18.

And so the amendment was not concurred in.

On motion,

The rest of the amendments adopted by the Senate were concurred in.

Ordered, That Mr. Blake inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—The President of the Senate has this day signed a memorial to Congress on the subject of the reserved township of land in Orange county.

And a memorial of the General Assembly of the state

of Indiana, praying the extension of the time of payment for public lands, both of which originated in this House.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The consideration of the bill appointing Commissioners to fix the permanent seat of justice for Wayne county, was resumed and read a third time,

And on the question,

Shall this bill pass?

The ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Thomasson and Holman, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Allen,	Merrill,
Blake,	Morgan,
Crisler,	Salor,
Dunbar,	Sullivan,
Hay,	Sutherland,
Jelly,	Warner, &
John,	Dunn, Spe'r—15,
Maddox,	

NOES.

Messrs Chambers,	Lindley,
Evans,	Lynn,
Ewing,	Milroy,
Graham,	Ross,
Grass,	Thomasson,
Hill,	Thompson, &
Holman,	Zenor—14.

And so the bill passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the select Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Ogle, and others,

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and had directed him to report the report of the select Committee, without amendment,

And the question being put, Will the House concur in the report of the Committee?

The ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Hay and Ross, were as follows, to wit:

AYES.

Messrs. Allen,	Lynn,
Crisler,	Maddox,
Dunbar,	Merrill,
Evans,	Milroy,
Ewing,	Morgan,
Graham,	Sailor,
Grass,	Sullivan,
Hay,	Sut'erland,
Hall,	Thomassen,
Jelly,	Warner. &
Lindley,	Zenor—22.

NOES.

Messrs. Holman,	Ross, &
John,	Thompson—4.

And so the House concurred in the report of the Committee.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill appointing Commissioners to lay out and establish a road from Madison to Vernon, and for other purposes,

Mr. Milroy in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Milroy reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the same under their consideration, had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

And the question being put,
Shall the Committee have leave to sit again?
It was decided in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered That the said bill be referred to a select Committee, to consider and report thereon,

And Messrs. Dunbar, Jelly, Sailor, Merrill, Milroy, Sullivan, Thompson, Chambers, Warner, Evans, Ewing, Graham, Grass, Holman and John, were appointed that Committee.

On motion,

The Committee of the whole were discharged from the further consideration of the bill to amend the act, entitled "an act to regulate county Seminaries, and for other purposes."

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Ross, Dunbar, and Merrill, were appointed that Committee.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Jefferson, Jennings, Washington and Clarke,
Mr. Merrill in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Merrill reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to ask the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill providing for changing the venue.

Mr. Hay, in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Hay reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

On motion,

That the Committee have leave to sit again, it was decided in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to the Judiciary Committee, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

Mr. Dunbar was added to the Judiciary Committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker.—I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate adhere to the amendments adopted by them to the joint resolution of instruction to our Senators and Representative in Congress, on the subject of appointments to federal offices in this state.

On motion,

That the House recede from their determination not to concur in the amendments adopted by the Senate to the said resolution, it was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said resolution lie on the table.

And the House then adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday, Jan. 1st, 1819.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee to whom had been recommitted the bill, to authorise the citizens of towns, to vacate towns or parts of towns and for other purposes, reported that the said Committee had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, which bill, as amended, he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read the first time, and

On motion,

The same was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Morrison*.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That on Monday, the 10th instant, will be the most suitable time to commence the trial of *Basil Prather*, Clerk of the Washington circuit court.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Hay, had leave to present the petition of *Elizabeth Scribner*, administratrix, *James Scribner*, and *Joel Scribner*, administrators of the estate of *Nathaniel Scribner*, dec'd. praying to be authorised to convey certain lots, and lands therein named to *Weudelin Westensfeld*, which petition he handed in at the Clerk's table where it was read.

Mr. Hay also had leave to introduce a bill, pursuant to the prayer of the last mentioned petitioners, which was read the first time.

On motion,

The same was read a second time.

On motion by *Mr. Ross*,

The said bill was considered as engrossed, and read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act for the relief of the administratrix and administrators of *Nathaniel Scribner*, dec'd."

Ordered. That Mr. Hay, inform the Senate of the passage of this act, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,
Mr. Speaker, - I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana, to furnish the American Antiquarian Society, with copies of the Constitution, Laws and Journals of this State, with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the House; and he withdrew.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomasson inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Holman,

Ordered, That the petition from the county of Wayne, heretofore submitted by him, and ordered to lie on the table praying an extension of the eastern boundary of Fayette county, be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Holman, Hill and Crisler, were appointed that Committee.

On motion by Mr. Hay,

Resolved. That the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message, as relates to public roads and highways, be discharged from a further consideration of that subject.

Mr. Hay gave notice, that on Monday next, he would introduce a bill, providing for opening and repairing public roads and highways.

On motion,

The orders of the day were now resumed.

The engrossed bill for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the said bill, be entitled "an act."

Ordered, That Mr. Warner inform the Senate of the passage thereof.

The engrossed bill, to appoint Commissioners to select and locate a scite for a permanent seat of Government for the State of Indiana, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the said bill, be entitled "an act."

Ordered, That Mr. Ross, inform the Senate of the passage thereof, and request their concurrence.

The bill declaring certain streams therein named public highways, was read the second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill amendatory to an act, entitled "an act for assessing the revenue," approved Jan. 23th, 1813, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered. That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill concerning Clerks, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill to expedite the collection of debts due the State, was read a second time and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill to authorise foremen of grand juries to administer oaths in certain cases, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill to amend the act regulating foreign and domestic attachments, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for *Monday* next.

The bill to regulate damages on protested bank notes and for other purposes, was read a second time, and

On motion,

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for *Tuesday* next.

The bill to prevent certain improper practises, was read a second time, and

On motion,

The same was referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for *Tuesday* next.

The bill to appoint a suitable person to divide lands when the county Surveyor is interested, was read a second time, and

Ordered, To be engrossed for a third reading on *Monday* next.

The bill to prevent any civil officer from holding any office in or belonging to any bank of this State, was read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for *Tuesday* next.

The bill to amend the act entitled "an act defining and regulating privileges." was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for *Tuesday* next.

The bill for the relief of the Sheriff of Wayne county, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on *Monday* next.

The bill defining the duties of county Commissioners in certain cases, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for *Tuesday* next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed a bill for the relief of the

administratrix and administrators of Nathaniel Scribner, dec'd. which originated in this House, without any amendment.

The bill to divorce Sally Griffiths, from her husband William Griffiths, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for this day.

The bill to encourage the manufacturing of Salt, in this State, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill to provide for the arrest and securing of fugitives from justice, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The bill to prohibit the wearing of secret weapons, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The bill to regulate proceedings in impeachments of justices of the peace, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act to amend an act, authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration," was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

The bill to remove the seat of justice of Perry county, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled 'an act to organize the board of Physicians, in the 4th judicial Circuit in this State,' was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to divorce Sally Griffiths, from her husband, William Griffiths.

Mr. Blake in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Blake reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto; and had ordered him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole

Ordered, That the same be engrossed; and read a third time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Hay from the Committee on enrolled bills reported an enrolled memorial to Congress, on the subject of school sections.

A joint resolution proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

A memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, to Congress, on the subject of changing the terms of sales of public lands in this State.

An act for the appointment of Trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of schools or meeting Houses.

A memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, praying an extension of the time of payment for public lands.

And a memorial to Congress on the subject of the reserved township of lands in Orange county, were on the 31st Dec. presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion by Mr. Blake,

Ordered, That the managers heretofore appointed to prosecute the articles of impeachment against Basil Prather, Clerk of the Washington Circuit Court, be author-

jaed to apply to the Senate for Subpoenas for the following witnesses. to appear before the Senate, on the behalf of the prosecution against said Prather, viz:

Samuel Rowland, John H. Thompson, John F. Ross, Davis Floyd, John N. Dunbar, Samuel Milroy and Harbin H. Moore.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the election of county and township officers."

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr Graham reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill, in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered. That the same be engrossed for a third reading on Wednesday next.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that that Committee had examined an enrolled bill, to amend the act regulating marriages.

An enrolled bill to vacate a certain Ferry at the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof, and had compared the same with the engrossed bill, and had found the same duly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered. That the Senate be informed thereof.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill to dissolve the

bands of matrimony between Jubilee Duese, and Eleanor Duese.

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

And leave was granted.

And the house adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill regulating Grist Mills, and Millers.

Mr. Holman in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Holman reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Thomasson moved, to amend the said bill, by inserting after the words "one eighth thereof," in the 1st section, and before the words "for grinding," the following, viz: "or twelve and one half cents per bushel, in lieu thereof, at the option of the owner of the grain,"

And the question being put,

And the ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Thomasson and Thompson.

Messrs. Dunbar and Thomasson, voted in the affirmative, and all the rest in the negative.

And so the motion was lost.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Hay from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that that Committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "an act for the relief of the administratrix and administrators of Nathaniel Scribner, dec'd." and had compared the same with the engrossed bill, and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the president of the Senate has this day signed an enrolled bill, from this House entitled, "an act for the relief of the administratrix and administrators of Nathaniel Scribner, dec'd."

An act to vacate a certain Ferry at the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof, and for other purposes.

An enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend an act to regulate marriages and for other purposes."

And an enrolled bill, entitled "an act, regulating the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace."

And the House adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Monday, January 3. 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee of ways and means, to whom was referred the reports of the Auditor of public accounts, and Treasurer of state, and so much of the Governor's message as relates to the revenue, reported, that the said Committee had, according to order, had the said subjects under consideration, and had directed him to submit the following report, viz:

The Committee of ways and means, to whom was referred the annual reports of the Auditor of public ac,

counts and Treasurer of state, together with so much of the Governor's message as relates to the revenue, have had the same under consideration, and now report, that, from the best information they can obtain, and from the best data of calculation in their power, they are of opinion that the expenditures of the Government for the financial year, commencing on the fourth day of December, 1819, and ending on the fourth day of December, 1820, will amount to the sum of \$21,275, which will more fully appear from the following estimate:

In discharging the claims of the Judiciary department,	\$4,960 00
To defray warrants not yet presented in this department,	875 00
In discharge of the claims of the Legislative department, including incidental expences,	8,500 00
In discharge of the claims of the executive department,	2,200 00
In discharging the militia expenditures, including outstanding claims,	400 00
To defray the premiums on wolf scalps unsatisfied,	500 00
In discharge of the interest on the public debt,	3,000 00
In discharge of the demands on the contingent fund, including future expenditures, as well as demands accrued and unpaid,	800 00
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	\$21,275 00

The Committee further report, that the probable amount of receipts at the treasury department for the current year, will amount to the sum of \$18,000, which will more fully appear from the following detail.

Amount of money paid in,	\$7,494 81 3/4
Amount due and unpaid from sundry	

sheriffs for the year 1818,	3,000 00
Amount due from sundry sheriffs for the year 1819,	7,505 15 1-4
	<hr/> \$18,000 00 <hr/>

Which sum, when deducted from the amount of expenditures for the current year, will leave a deficit of \$3,275, to be supplied by an increase of taxation, or by loan.

This deficit has been occasioned not only by the necessarily increasing expenditures of the Government, but by a mistake of the Committee of ways and means at the last session of the General Assembly. That Committee in estimating the probable receipts into the Treasury for the financial year, commencing with the 22d day of December, 1818, and ending with the same date of December, 1819, included the sum of \$6,443 24, which, at the first mentioned period, had been received in part payment of the revenue contemplated to meet the current expences of the past year. By including the sum above mentioned with \$15,000, the supposed amount of the annual resources of the state, a mistake was thereby introduced into their report, to the amount of the first mentioned sum; which, together with the unpaid amounts from Gibson and Wayne counties, and which have since been but partially realized, together with the sum of \$1000 from the citizens of Harrison county, and other delinquencies, in payment of the revenue produced, in consequence of appropriations made by the General Assembly, the *deficit* which your Committee now report.

Your Committee will here remark, that they have not included in the amount of receipts into the treasury for the current year, the sum of \$1000, which is due from the citizens of Harrison county to the Government. The doubtful situation of that debt, precludes, in the opinion

of your Committee, the propriety of including it among the receipts at the Treasury for the current year.

The Committee are informed by the Treasurer of state, that of the above sum of \$7 494 84 3 4, reported to have been paid in to meet the expences of the current year, the sum of \$1.406 22 1 2, in Ohio paper, has been received by him on special deposit only,

A letter from the Treasurer of state to the Committee of ways and means, is herewith transmitted, explanatory of a mistake in his report of the 16th December, 1818, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Which report he handed in at the clerk's table, where it was read, and

On motion,

Referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Milroy,

Resolved, That the Secretary of state be directed to transmit to each of our Senators and to our Representative in Congress, certified copies of the following memorials of the General Assembly of this state to Congress, to wit:

The memorial on the subject of changing the terms of sale of public lands.

The memorial on the subject of the reserved township of land in Orange county.

A memorial on the subject of school sections.

And a memorial on the subject of extending the time of payment for public lands.

That the Secretary of state be furnished with a copy of this resolution.

And that the Senate be informed of the passage of this resolution, and their concurrence requested.

Ordered, That Mr. Milroy inform the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Blake,

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee consider the subject of the Judicial Circuits of this state, and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

A message from the Governor by *Mr. Brandon*.

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed to inform this House, that the Governor did, on the 1st inst. approve and sign an act, entitled, “an act for the appointment of trustees to receive deeds for lots or lands given or purchased for the use of schools or meeting houses.”

A joint resolution proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

And an act, entitled “an act for the relief of the administratrix and administrators of *Nathaniel Scribner*, deceased.”

Mr. Thomasson, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of *Thomas Posey*, and others, praying the passage of an act authorising the sale of a part of the public square in the town of *Corydon*, reported, that that Committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had directed him to report a bill pursuant to the prayer of the petitioners, which bill he handed in at the clerk’s table, where it was read the first and second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that he would, on to-morrow, or some subsequent day of this session, ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of the sheriff of *Clark county*.

Mr. Chambers, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill for the relief of certain leassors in *Monroe county*, which he handed in at the clerk’s table, where it was read, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Morrison*, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act for the benefit of the heirs of the late *Andrew Fulton*, deceased,” without any amendment; and he withdrew.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee to whom was referred the expediency of amending the act respecting county Seminaries, reported, that the said Committee had, according to order, had the said subject under consideration, and had directed him to prepare and report a bill to amend the act aforesaid, which bill he handed in at the clerk's table, where it passed the first and second reading, and

On motion,

Ordered That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Evans had leave to introduce a bill to attach part of Posey county to the county of Gibson, and for other purposes, which was read the first time, and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Merrill gave notice, that on some subsequent day of this session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to regulate proceedings upon writs of mandamus and informations in the nature of quo warranto.

On motion by Mr. John,

Ordered, That the petition of Ephraim Porter, and others, be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition from Wayne county, praying the extension of the eastern boundary of Fayette county.

Mr. Hay, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to amend an act, entitled "an act supplementary to an act for opening and repairing roads and highways."

Mr. Blake, from the Committee to whom was referred the memorial of a certain society in Vincennes, praying the passage of an act of incorporation for said society, reported, that the said Committee had, according to order, had the said subject under consideration, and had directed him to report a bill pursuant to the prayer of said petition, which bill he handed in at the clerk's table, where it was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mann Butler, praying a compensation for printing the Constitution of this state, and the Journals of the Convention, reported, that the said committee had, according to order, had the said petition under consideration, and had directed him to report that in the opinion of the Committee, the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

On motion,

The report of the Committee was concurred in by the House.

On motion,

The House now proceeded to the consideration of the orders of the day.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled, "an act to amend an act, more effectually to prevent duelling."

Mr. Morgan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Morgan reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made no amendments thereto.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

The said bill was read a third time now.

And on the question of its passage, the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Graham and Dunbar, were as follows:

Messrs. Allen,	AYES.	Holman,
Blake,		Lynn,
Chambers,		Maddox,
Crisler,		Morgan,
Dunbar,		Salor,
Evans,		Sullivan,
Ewing,		Sutherland, &
Grass,		Warner—17.
Hay,		

NOES.

Messrs. Graham,
Hill,
Jelly,
Lindly,
Merrill,

Milroy,
Ross,
Thomasson, &
Thompson,—9.

And so the said bill passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Evans inform the Senate thereof.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Joseph W. Doak,

Mr. Allen in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Allen reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of this House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House, now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to incorporate the borough of Charlestown,

Mr. Sullivan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sullivan reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the last mentioned bill be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

On motion,

The engrossed bill from the Senate authorising the printing of the Laws and Journals of the present session of the General Assembly, was referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for this day.

And thereupon,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on said last mentioned bill,

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which he was directed to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

On motion by Mr. Ross.

To amend the fifth section, by inserting after the word treasurer, the following, viz:

“Each supervisor of the highways.”

It was decided in the negative.

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Ross and Thompson:

Messrs. Blake, Hay, Lindley, Lynn, Ross and Thompson voted in the affirmative, and all the rest in the negative.

And so the motion was lost.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled, “an act regulating damages on protested bills of exchange,” with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of this House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill in the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate thereof.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill declaring certain streams therein named, public highways,

Mr. Salor in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Salor reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had instructed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the said last mentioned bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the non payment of fines,

Mr. Jelly in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Jelly reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again, and

On motion,

That the Committee of the whole, have leave to sit again, it was determined in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Merrill, Allen and Ross, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act for the relief of William Hoggatt,” without any amendment.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the heirs of James Marrs, deceased,

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thomasson reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made no amendments thereto.

On motion,

Ordered, That the last mentioned bill be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the engrossed bill entitled “an act for printing and distributing the Acts and Journals of the present General Assembly.”

On motion by Mr. Merrill,

Ordered, That the bill to appoint Commissioners to locate and open a road from Vevay to Versailles, and for other purposes, be referred to the Committee on the subject of roads generally.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act entitled "an act to appoint a pilot or pilots at the Falls of Ohio,"

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Dunbar reported; that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The further consideration of the last mentioned bill was indefinitely postponed.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill amendatory to an act entitled "an act for the relief the poor,"

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Beggs*.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have concurred in the resolution of this House, directing the Secretary of state to transmit to the members of Congress from this state, certain memorials therein named; and he withdrew.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill attaching part of the New Purchase to the counties therein named,

Mr. Milroy in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Milroy* reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the last mentioned bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Wednesday next.

On motion by *Mr. Dunbar*,

The orders of the day were postponed for the present.

Mr. Dunbar gave notice, that on some subsequent day of this session, he would introduce a bill to amend an act entitled "an act to prevent waste on lands reserved for the use of schools and salt springs," approved Jan. 29th, 1819.

Mr. Warner presented the petition of *Thomas G. Prentiss*, agent for the proprietors of the town of Hindostan, praying to be authorised to erect a toll bridge across the east branch of White River, which was read, and

On motion,

Referred to a Committee.

And Messrs. Warner, Blake and Allen, were appointed that Committee.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The Committee of the whole to whom was referred the bill amendatory to the act regulating proceedings in ejectment, were discharged from the further consideration of that bill, and the same was referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Evans, Thompson and Merrill, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that that Committee had examined an enrolled bill entitled "an act for the relief of the heirs of Andrew Fulton, deceased," and had compared the same with the engrossed bill, and had found the same duly enrolled.

The House now resumed the consideration of the orders of the day, and

According to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to authorise the citizens of towns to vacate the said towns, or any part thereof, and for other purposes.

Mr. Allen in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Allen reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported, that an

Enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled an act to regulate marriages, and for other purposes."

And an enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend an act entitled, an act regulating the jurisdiction and duties of Justices of the Peace." approved Jan. 28th, 1818, were

this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

And the *House* adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Grass, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Epaphus Jones, praying to be authorised to erect a certain turnpike road therein described, reported that the said Committee had according to order had the said petition under consideration, and had directed him to report, as the opinion of the Committee, that the prayer of the petitioners, is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted, and

On motion,

The *House* concurred in the report of the said Committee.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed by the Governor, to announce to you, that he did on the 3d instant, approve and sign an act entitled “an act regulating marriages and for other purposes;” and then he withdrew.

Mr. Grass, from the Committee on the petition of Samuel Goldsmith, reported a bill, for the benefit of the said Samuel Goldsmith, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on the resolution, on the subject of the expediency of the next General Assembly, convening at Charlestown, in Clark county, reported a bill, pursuant to that resolution, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Lewis, reported that the Committee had considered the said petition, and had directed him to report a bill for the relief of the said

Jacob Lewis, which bill he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read the first and second time and referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee to whom was referred the bill, amendatory to an act entitled "an act regulating proceeding in ejectment reported," that the said Committee had according to order, had the bill under consideration, and had directed him to prepare and report a bill, for the limitation of the action of ejectment, which bill he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Thomasson, from the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the money arising from persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, reported that the Committee, had according to order, had the said subject under consideration, and had directed him to prepare and report a bill disposing of the money, arising as aforesaid, which bill he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read a first and second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr Drew,

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform this House, that the President of the Senate, has this day signed an enrolled bill, entitled "an act to authorise the printing and distributing of the Laws and Journals of the present session of the General Assembly."

And an enrolled bill, entitled "an act for the benefit of the heirs of Andrew Fulton, dec'd."

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled 'an act authorising the issuing of writs of Habeas Corpus,' with some amend-

ments, in which they desire the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Senate.

Ordered, That *Mr. Ross*, inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by *Mr. Morgan*,

The House now proceeded to the consideration of the orders day.

Whereupon,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for the sale of part of the Seminary township, in Gibson county, and for other purposes.

Mr. Sutherland in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Sutherland* reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from its enacting clause, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

Mr. Dunbar moved, to concur in the amendments made to the said bill.

And the question being put,

Shall the House concur in the report of the Committee?

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. *Maddox* and *Blake*, were as follows, to wit:

Messrs. Allen,	AYES,	Lynn,
Blake,		Merrill,
Crisler,		Milroy,
Dunbar,		Morgan,
Graham,		Salor,
Hay,		Sullivan,
Hill,		Thomasson,
Holman,		Thompson,
Jelly,		Warner, &
John,		Zener,—20

NOES,

Messrs. Chambers,
 Evans,
 Ewing,

Grass,
 Lindley, &
 Maddox,---0

And so the House concurred in the amendments made to the last mentioned bill by the Committee of the whole.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The further consideration of said bill, was postponed till the 1st Monday in December next.

And the House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Thompson moved, that the vote postponing the bill to provide for the sale of part of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county, be reconsidered, which motion was carried, and the question being again put.

Shall the further consideration of the bill postponed till the first Monday in December next?

Was decided in the negative, and

On motion,

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee.

And Messrs. Evans, Sullivan, Ross, Thomasson, Morgan and Milroy, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that that Committee had examined the enrolled bill, creating the office and defining the duties of master in chancery, and had compared the same with the engrossed bill, and had found the same duly enrolled.

The House now proceeded to the consideration of the bill to form a new county, out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington, and

Thereupon,

Mr. Ross moved,

That the further consideration of the said bill, be postponed till Monday next.

And the question being put, on the said motion,
it was decided in the negative.

The said bill was then read a third time, and
On motion by Mr. Milroy,

Resolved, That the question on the passage of the
said bill, be postponed till to morrow morning.

The engrossed bill for the relief of Abraham Elliott,
Sheriff of Wayne county, was read a third time, and
passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act for the
relief of Abraham Elliott, Sheriff of Wayne county,
and of Joseph Gibson, Sheriff of Clark county."

Ordered, That Mr. Holman inform the Senate of the
passage thereof.

The engrossed bill, to amend the act entitled "an act
to provide for the election of county, and township of-
ficers," was now read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act."

Ordered, That Mr. Milroy, inform the Senate there-
of.

The engrossed bill, to incorporate the borough of
Charlestown, in Clark county, was read a third time
and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and
that Mr. Hay, inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill for the relief of Joseph W. Doak,
was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and
that Mr. Chambers inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill, to provide for the appointment of
a suitable person to divide lands where the county sur-
veyor is interested, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and
that Mr. Holman inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill to divorce Sally Griffiths, from
her husband William Griffiths, was read a third time,
and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Grass, inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill, for the relief of the heirs of James Marrs, dec'd. was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Evans, inform the Senate.

The engrossed bill, to amend an act entitled "an act for the relief of the poor," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Ewing, inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Thompson,

The House now proceeded to consider the bill, providing for the sale of part of the public square, in the town of Corydon, and

Thereupon,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on said bill.

Mr. Merrill in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Merrill reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made sundry amendments thereto. in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Wednesday, January 5th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker presented to the House, the follow-

ing communication from his Excellency, the Gov. to wit:

I present to the House of Representatives, copies of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, and the original of which was transmitted by the Gov. of that State, with the request that they be submitted to the General Assembly of this State.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,

Resolved by the General Assembly, of the State of Illinois, That the Senators, and Representatives, in Congress from this State, be requested at the next session thereof, to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law, authorising the appointment of Commissioners to view, and mark out a road, as a continuation of the National road, from Wheeling, to the seat of Government, for the State of Ohio, thence to the contemplated seat of Government for the State of Indiana; thence to the seat of Government, for this state; and thence to St. Charles, on the Missouri river, on the nearest route, and best ground that can be selected; and that they also be requested to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law, authorising a survey of the public lands through which the same may pass, and to appropriate the proceeds arising from the sale of each unappropriated section thereof, through which it shall pass to opening and improving the same.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State, be requested to forward one copy of the foregoing resolution to each of the members of Congress, from this State, at the next session, and one copy to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one copy to the Governors of the States of Ohio, and Indiana, and request them to lay the same before the General Assembly of those States, respectively, at their next session, for their consideration.

Which communication and the accompanying resolution, were read and referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Allen, Ross and Sullivan, were appointed that Committee.

The Speaker also presented to the House, a commu-

nication from Martin H. Tucker, Trustee of the public Seminary for Crawford county, from which it appeared that he has received for the use of the institution, the sum of \$28 75 cents.

Mr. Allen, presented the petition of Elizabeth Campbell, praying a divorce from her husband Samuel Campbell, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Allen,

Referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Allen, Crisler, Evans and Blake, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, from this House, entitled 'an act to form a new county, out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois,' with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of this House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendment made in the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Warner inform the Senate.

Mr. Sullivan from the Committee of ways and means, reported that that Committee, had directed him to draft and report a bill, to secure a certain debt due the State, which bill he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read a first and second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to morrow.

Mr. Warner, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of John C. Burres and others, praying the establishment of a new county, out of the counties of Daviess and Sullivan, reported that that Committee had according to order, had the said petition under consideration, and had directed him to prepare and report a bill pursuant to the said petition, which bill he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read the

first and second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Jelly, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition, praying an extension of the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the town of Rising Sun, in Dearborn county, reported that that Committee, had according to order, had the said petition under consideration, and had directed him to prepare and report a bill pursuant to the said petition, which bill he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read the first and second time, and was referred to a Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Sullivan from the Committee of ways and means, reported a bill making general appropriations for the year 1820, which was read the first and second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for this day.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill for the relief of persons imprisoned for the non payment of fines, reported, that the said Committee, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made an amendment thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the *House*.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the Committee.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Evans. from the Committee to whom was referred the bill providing for the sale of part of the Seminary township of land, in Gibson county, reported that that Committee had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto; in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the *House*.

Mr Blake moved, that the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

And on the question,

Shall the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed?

The ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Blake and Morgan, were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Blake,
Dunbar,
Graham,
Hay,
Hill.
Holman,

Jelly,
Lynn,
Morgan,
Warner, &
Zenor,—11

NOES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Crisler,
Evans,
Ewing,
Grass,
John,
Lindley,
Maddox,

Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson. &
Thompson,—16.

And so the motion was lost.

On motion,

The said bill as amended, was read a second time now, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Evans.

Resolved, That the House now proceed to elect an assistant enrolling Clerk, for the residue of the present session, and

Thereupon,

The House proceeded to the election of an assistant enrolling Clerk.

Messrs. Warner and Morgan, being appointed tellers to count the votes.

And the votes being counted, it appeared that Ed-

ward B. Wilson, had sixteen votes, and William G. Armstrong, had thirteen votes, and Edward B. Wilson, was thereupon, declared duly elected to the office aforesaid.

Mr. Merrill, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill, to render proceedings upon writs of mandamus, and writs in the nature of quo warranto, more speedy and effectual, which was read the first and second times, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Evans, from the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the militia, reported a bill to amend the act, regulating the militia.

Which was read the first and second times, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Holman, from the Committee to whom was referred the petitions from Wayne and Franklin counties, praying an extension of the eastern boundary of Fayette county, reported that the said Committee, had had the said petitions under consideration, and had directed him to prepare and report a bill, pursuant to the said petitions which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read the first and second times, and referred to the Committee of the whole House, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Blake,

Ordered, That the petition of John Benefield, and others, pursuant to the last General Assembly, praying a removal of the seat of justice for Sullivan county, be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Allen, Blake and Warner, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Warner, from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution, respecting a memorial to Congress, on the subject of surveying the boundary line between this state, and Illinois, reported that that Committee

had according to order, had the said subject under consideration, and had directed him to prepare a memorial pursuant to the said resolution, which memorial he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and adopted by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Warner inform the Senate thereof.

On motion,

The House now proceeded to a consideration of the orders of the day.

The House now proceeded to vote on the question of the passage of the bill to form a new county out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington.

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Blake and Ross.

Messrs. Hill, Ross and Thompson voted in the negative, and all the rest in the affirmative.

And so the bill passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Hay inform the Senate thereof.

The House now according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to remove the seat of justice for Perry county.

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause.

And on the question,

Shall the House concur in the report of the Committee.

The ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Ewing and Evans.

Messrs. Ewing, Hay, Hill, Jelly, Morgan and Ross,

voted in the negative, and all the rest in the affirmative.
And so the report was carried.

On motion by Mr. Milroy,

The further consideration of the said bill was postponed till the first Monday in December next.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act entitled "an act respecting county Seminaries and for other purposes."

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thomasson reported, that the Committee had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in all the amendments made to the said bill, by the Committee of the whole, except that amendment which made it obligatory on justices of the peace, to make their returns of the amount of fines, which had by them been collected, under oath.

And on the question in concurrence of that amendment.

The ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Thompson and Ross, the votes were as follows:

AYES,

Messrs. Crisler,
Dunbar,
Graham,
Hay,
Holman,

Morgan,
Ross,
Thomasson, &
Zenor, --- 9

NOES,

Messrs, Allen,
Blake,
Evans,
Ewing,
Grass,
Jelly,
John,
Lindley,

Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thompson, &
Warner, --- 15

And so the House refused to concur in that amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House according to order, now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend an act entitled "an act to regulate estrays and water crafts going adrift."

Mr. Morgan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Morgan reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

And leave was not granted.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to a select Committee.

And Messrs. Ross, Graham, Milroy and Allen. were appointed that Committee.

And the House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

According to order the House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing

the arrest of naval vessels and for other purposes.

Mr. Milroy in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Milroy reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which he was directed to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee.

On motion,

The said bill was referred to a Committee.

And Messrs. Graham, Thompson, Merrill, Evans and Thomasson, were appointed that Committee.

On motion,

Mr. Maddox, was added to the Committee on the petition of Elizabeth Campbell, praying a divorce, &c.

On motion,

Mr. Grass, was added to the Committee on roads and highways.

Mr. Ross from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that that Committee had examined an enrolled memorial to Congress, praying a compensation to the company of mounted Rangers, commanded by capt. James Bigger, and had compared the same with the engrossed memorial, and had found the same truly enrolled

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend an

act entitled "an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution."

Mr. Jelly in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Jelly reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

According to order, the House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the limitation of criminal prosecutions.

Mr. Warner in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Warner reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had requested him, to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Hay from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported that the said Committee, had examined a joint resolution to furnish the American Antiquarian society with copies of the Constitution, Laws and Journals of the General Assembly, and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the said bill,

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

The House now according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act to amend an act, authorising letters testamentary, and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates."

Mr. Zenor in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Zenor* reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

And leave was not granted.

On motion,

The said bill was referred to a select Committee of *Messrs. Dunbar, Ross, Merrill, Evans and Blake*, to consider and report thereon.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act defining and regulating privileges.

Mr. Thompson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Thompson* reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments, made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to morrow.

The House now according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act defining seals to be affixed

to instruments of writing, and for other purposes.

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Thomaseon* reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which he was instructed to ask the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

On motion by *Mr. Warner,*

The further consideration of the bill to prevent any civil officer from holding any office in or belonging to any bank in this state, was indefinitely postponed.

On the question of the indefinite postponement of said bill, the ayes and noes, were demanded by *Messrs. Milroy and Warner,* and the votes were as follows viz:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Hay,
Jelly,
John,

Lynn,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson &
Warner, -- 15

NOES,

Messrs. Evans,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
Lindley,

Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross,
Thompson &
Zenor, -- 11

And so the further consideration of the said bill, was indefinitely postponed.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday, January 8, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Chambers, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to regulate interest in this state, which was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Polke.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed a memorial which originated in the House of Representatives, on the subject of surveying the boundary line between this state and Illinois.

Mr. Thompson, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill supplementary to an act entitled “an act to reduce into one act, all the acts and parts of acts respecting crimes and punishments,” which was read twice, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

The House now proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The engrossed bill to authorise the citizens of towns to vacate said towns, or any part thereof, was read a third time, and passed.

On motion by Mr. Thomasson,

Ordered, That the said bill be entitled “an act for vacating towns, and for other purposes.”

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled “an act defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing, and for other purposes,” was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate of the

passage of this bill, and request their concurrence in the amendment made thereto.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act to vacate part of the town of Lanesville," was read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives; that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill which originated in this House, entitled, "an act appointing Commissioners to locate a scite for a permanent seat of Government of Indiana," with sundry amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House; and he withdrew.

Mr. Dunbar moved to concur in the first amendment made to said bill in the Senate, which amendment was the striking out the name of George Hunt, of Wayne county, and inserting in lieu thereof, the name of Jeremiah Cox, of Randolph county.

And the question on said motion being put,

Shall the House concur in the first amendment?

It was decided in the negative.

On motion,

That the House concur in the second amendment made in the Senate to said bill, which was the striking out the name of Stephen Ludlow, and inserting in lieu thereof, the name of Benjamin I. Blythe, it was determined in the negative.

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. John and Morgan, were as follows, viz:

AYES,

Messrs. Blake,
Chambers,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hay,
Hill,

Holman,
Lindley,
Lynn,
Jelly,
Thomasson,
Thompson, &
Zenor,—14.

NOES,

Messrs. Allen,
Crisler,
Evans,
Graham,
John,
Milroy,
Maddox,

Merrill,
Morgan,
Ross,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland, &
Dunn, Sp'r —14.

And so the House refused to concur in the two first amendments made to the said bill in the Senate.

On motion,

The House concurred in the rest of the amendments made to the said bill in the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have concurred in the amendments made in the House of Representatives, to the engrossed bill entitled “an act defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing, and for other purposes.”

And they have also passed an engrossed bill, entitled “an act for the relief of insolvent debtors.”

Which last bill he handed in at the clerk’s table, where it was read twice, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to amend an act, entitled an act, to reduce into one act all the acts and parts of acts, relative to crimes and punishments.”

Also, an engrossed bill entitled “an act supplementary to an act, entitled an act concerning public Seminaries, and for other purposes;” in which they request the concurrence of the House.

Which bills he handed in at the clerk’s table, where

they were severally read, and passed to their second reading to morrow.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill abolishing the board of county Commissioners, and to establish a county court of Justices of the peace,

Mr. Merrill in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Merrill reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

And leave was granted.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on enrolled bills, reported, that that Committee had examined an enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled an act more effectually to prevent duelling," and had compared the same with the engrossed bill, and had found them truly enrolled.

And the House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to prohibit the carrying of secret weapons,

Mr. Sailor in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sailor reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which they had directed him to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill, in the Committee of the whole.

And the same was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the removal of the General Assembly from Corydon, in Harrison county,

Mr. Sutherland in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sutherland reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Mr. Dunbar moved, that the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

And the question on that motion being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Messrs. Graham, Milroy, Ross and Thompson, voting in the negative, and the other members present in the affirmative.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to arrest and secure fugitives from justice,

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Ross reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments thereto, in which he was directed to request the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered. That the same be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have receded from their amendments made by them to the 1st section of the engrossed bill which originated in this House, entitled “an act appointing Commissioners to select and locate a scite for a permanent seat of Government of Indiana.”

Mr. Ewing gave notice, that on some subsequent day of the present session, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to regulate the mode of petitioning the legislative body for a redress of grievances.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

Resolved. By the House of Representatives of the state of Indiana, (the Senate concurring therein) That the Secretary of state be requested to forward certified copies of the memorial to Congress, praying compensation to a company of mounted rangers, commanded by Captain James Bigger, to each of our Senators and Representative in Congress, and that the Secretary of state be furnished with a copy of this resolution.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday, January 7th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Indiana, and of the branch thereof at Lawrenceburgh, which was read, and

On motion by Mr. Warner,

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on banks generally.

Mr. Thompson from the Committee to whom was referred the bill authorising the arrest of naval vessels in certain cases, reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had directed him to report the same with an amendment.

And the bill last mentioned with the amendment, was read, and

On motion by Mr. Merrill,

Resolved, That the House concur in the amendments made to the said bill by the select Committee.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to morrow.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee to whom was referred the bill to amend the act entitled "an act to regulate estrays and water crafts going adrift," reported that bill with some amendments.

And the bill with the amendments was read, and

On motion,

Resolved, That the House concur in the amendments made to the said bill by the select Committee.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and passed to a third reading to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Thomasson,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the state of Indiana, That the Auditor of public accounts be instructed to procure a transcript of the record and proceedings in the case of the Governor against the sheriff of Wayne county, and his securities, in which it is probable that the state may be losing one thousand dollars, and to which he had reference in his annual report at this session, and that he report the same to the next General Assembly, together with such other information as he may be in possession of on the subject.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That the House proceed to consider the orders of the day.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of ways and means,

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Graham reported, that the Committee of the whole, had, according to order, had the said bill under

consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

And leave to sit again was granted.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole, on the bill amendatory to an act entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue," approved January 28th, 1818.

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Ross reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through, had directed him to ask leave to sit again, and leave was accordingly granted.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—The President of the Senate has this day signed an enrolled bill entitled "an act creating the office, and defining the duties of master in chancery," which bill originated in the House of Representatives.

And then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cotton,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled "an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington," with an amendment, in which I am instructed to request the concurrence of the House.

By unanimous consent the House concurred in the amendments made in the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate thereof.

And the House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, By the Senate, in conformity to a resolution of the House of Representatives, that the Secretary of state be requested to transmit to our Senators and Representative in Congress, certified copies of the memorial to Congress, praying a compensation to a company of mounted rangers commanded by Captain James Bigger, and that the Secretary of state be furnished with a copy of this resolution by the Committee for enrolled bills, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from the House of Representatives entitled “an act for the relief of Joseph W. Doak,” without amendment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baird.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act amendatory to an act for the relief of the poor,” without amendment; and then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the election of county and township officers,” without any amendment; and he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act for the benefit of the heirs of James Marrs, deceased,” without any amendment.

Also an engrossed joint resolution for the encouragement of domestic manufactures, in which they request

the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and then he withdrew.

And the said resolution was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

On motion by *Mr. Sullivan*,

The House according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act, entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue,"

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Graham* reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

On motion,

Resolved, That the House concur in all the amendments made to the said bill in the Committee of the whole, except the striking out that part of the bill which made bound servants objects of taxation, and on the question of concurrence in that amendment, it was determined in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Dunbar, were as follows, viz:

AYES,

Messrs, Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Hill,
John,
Lindley,

Lynn,
Maddox,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sutherland, &
Warner,---13

NOES,

Messrs. Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,
Jelly.

Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross
Sullivan,
Thomasson,
Thompson, &
Zenor,—15.

And so the House refused to concur in the amendment aforesaid.

Mr. Milroy moved to amend the said bill by so altering the same as to subject bank stock to a tax of twenty-five cents on each hundred dollars, and on the question, shall the House adopt this amendment, it was decided in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Dunbar, were as follows, viz:

AYES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Lindley,

Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross,
Thompson, &
Zenor—18.

NOES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,

John,
Lynn,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Thomasson, &
Warner,—14

And so the proposed amendment was rejected.

Mr. Sullivan moved to amend the bill by adding the three following additional sections:

Sec. 6. That it shall hereafter be the duty of each and every person who may be charged with taxes for state or county purposes, to call on the sheriff of the county in which their property shall have been listed, and pay the taxes due thereon, on or before the first of day of November in each year hereafter, and if any person who may stand charged with taxes as aforesaid, shall fail to pay the sheriff as aforesaid, the amount of taxes he may stand charged with on or before the first day of November as aforesaid, it shall then be the duty of the sheriff to call on such delinquent person at his or her place of residence; for which service the sheriff shall be entitled to, and collect off, such delinquent, ten per cent. on the amount of tax with which he stands charged, for travelling, to collect the same; and if such delinquent shall refuse or fail to pay when called on as aforesaid, then and in that case, the sheriff shall proceed to collect the taxes due from such delinquent as is directed by the fourth and fifth sections of the act to which this is an amendment.

Sec. 7. That the sheriff shall be allowed by the state Treasurer as a compensation for his service six per cent. for collecting and paying over monies by him collected for state purposes, and three per cent. by the county Treasurer, for collecting and paying over monies for county purposes.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, that it shall be the duty of each and every sheriff in this state, either by himself or deputy, to keep an office at the seat of justice of his own proper county, and it shall be the duty of such sheriff or deputy, to keep his said office open from the first Monday in June till the first Monday in September, every day, Sundays and the fourth of July excepted, from the hour of 9 o'clock A. M. till 3 o'clock P. M. at which place it shall be the duty of persons charged with taxes, to meet the sheriff or his deputy, for the purposes named in the sixth section of this act.

And the question being put,
Shall this amendment be adopted?

It was decided in the negative,

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs.
Evans and Thompson, were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs.	Chambers,	Merrill,
	Crisler,	Milroy,
	Grass,	Morgan,
	John,	Salor,
	Lindley,	Sullivan, &
	Lynn,	Thompson—13.
	Maddox,	

NOES.

Messrs.	Allen,	Hill,
	Blake,	Holman,
	Dauter,	Jelly,
	Evans,	Ross,
	Ewing,	Thomasson,
	Graham,	Warner, &
	Hay,	Zenor,—14.

And so the proposed amendment was rejected.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed, without amendment the engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act supplemental to an act for the appointment of county surveyors;” and he withdrew.

The engrossed bill, to amend an act entitled “an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution,” was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill declaring certain streams therein named public highways, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Hay, from the joint Committee for enrolled bills reported, that an act to vacate a certain ferry in the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof, and for other purposes.

An act creating the office and defining the duties of master in Chancery.

An act to authorise the printing and distributing of the Laws and Journals of the present General Assembly.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of the late Andrew Fulton, deceased.

A memorial to Congress, praying a compensation to a company of mounted rangers commanded by Captain James Bigger.

An act to amend an act, entitled "an act more effectually to prevent duelling," were on this day, January 7th, 1820, presented to his excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

Saturday, January, 6th.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee on the engrossed bill from the Senate, "entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary, and letters of administration for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes," reported the bill with an amendment, in which he requests the concurrence of the house.

On motion,

Resolved, That the House do concur in the amendment.

Ordered, That the same be read on Monday next.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that he would on Monday next, or some subsequent day of this session, intro-

Pass a bill to amend the act regulating the inspection of flour, beef and pork.

Mr. Warner presented the petition of William Harris, praying the passage of a law, authorising him and Frederick Shotts, and company, to build a toll bridge over the eastern branch of White river, which was read and referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas G. Prentiss, agent of the Hindostan company.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The engrossed bill for the limitation of criminal prosecutions, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered. That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Merrill inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill authorising the arresting and securing of fugitives from justice, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered. That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill authorising the arrest of naval vessels, in certain cases, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered. That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Evans inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to amend the act respecting county Seminaries, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered. That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Ross inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to amend the act, defining and regulating privileges was read a third time and passed.

Ordered. That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to prevent the wearing of concealed weapons, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Allen inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to prevent certain improper practices.

Mr. Milroy in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Milroy reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he was instructed to ask the concurrence of the House.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That the House concur in the said amendment.

And on the question of concurrence, the ayes and noes were demanded by Messrs. Dunbar and Milroy, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Hay,
Jelly,
John,

Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson, &
Zenor,-- 13

NOES,

Messrs. Evans,
Graham,
Hill,
Holman,
Lindly,
Lynn,

Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Ress, &
Thompson.—11

On motion by Mr Graham,

Ordered, That the bill last mentioned be spread on the journals, and on the question on that motion the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Graham and Thomasson.

Messrs. Blake, Crisler, Jelly and Thomasson, voted in the negative, and the other members present in the affirmative.

Messrs. Morgan and Ewing, were absent.

The last mentioned bill, ordered to be spread on the journals, is as follows, to wit:

A bill to prevent certain improper practices.

SEC. 1st. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana.* That it shall not be lawful for any company or association of individuals to issue any note, certificate, bill of credit or other instrument purporting to be obligatory on such company, or association of individuals, for the purpose of exchanging, loaning or otherwise circulating the same whereby to make profit by loaning, exchanging or otherwise circulating the same, so as to beget a credit in such company or association of individuals, by making the same payable to bearer, order, or any nominal character, or by purporting to make the same payable or receivable by said company, firm or association of individuals, at any office, or place, by them designated, whereby the same may obtain circulation under the character or appearance of a bank note, certificate or bill of credit of the ordinary line of transacting private business between individual and individual.

SEC. 2. Any note, certificate or bill of credit, issued by any company or association of individuals, printed with any type or engraved plate, on silk, or other fine paper other than common letter or writing paper, signed by any president, cashier, agent or clerk of any such company or association of individuals, shall be held, deemed and considered as fraud upon the public, and shall be held, deemed and considered within the description of notes, certificates or bills of credit, intended

to be prohibited by the provisions of this act, and each and every individual concerned in publishing or circulating any such note, certificate or bill of credit, whether as president, cashier, clerk, or agent of any such company or association of individuals, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars by presentment or indictment before any court, having competent jurisdiction thereof, and shall moreover be committed until fine and costs are paid. *Provided however:* That nothing in the foregoing provisions of this act, shall be so construed as to effect any notes, certificates or bills of credit, which may heretofore have been issued by any company or association of individuals, who shall within twelve months after the publication of this act, collect and prohibit the further circulation of said notes, certificates or bills of credit, as may heretofore have been issued by such company or association of individuals.

SEC. 3. No note, certificate or bill or credit, shall hereafter be negotiable or transferable from one person to another, unless the same shall be regularly assigned by written assignment on the back thereof, or on some paper attached thereto, with the assignor's name assigned thereto, any law, usage or custom heretofore in force in this state, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Crisler handed in at the clerk's table, the following protest, with a request that it be spread on the journals.

The undersigned protest against the spreading on the journals of the bill to prevent certain improper practices

Because he thinks that at this time where the finances of the state, are so embarrassed, it is impolitic, and burthensome to the people, to create so unnecessary an expense, as to swell the journals by transcribing into them, a bill so lengthy as the one above mentioned.

The undersigned thinks, that the public money would be better applied, if appropriated to the purpose of discharging the public debt, for which the state is paying

an annual interest of fifteen hundred dollars.

The undersigned thinks that the spreading on the journals of the said bill is a precedent which may be followed by deleterious consequences, as hereafter, any member may claim the privilege of having a favorite bill spread on the journals.

Finally, the undersigned can see no good tendency, that the spreading on the journals of the said bill can possibly have.

ALLEN CRISLER,

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed by the Governor, to announce to you, that he did on the 7th instant, approve and sign an act creating the office, and defining the duties of master in chancery.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of the late Andrew Fulton, and

A memorial to Congress, praying compensation to the company of mounted Rangers, commanded by capt. James Bigger; and he withdrew.

The engrossed bill for the relief of persons imprisoned for the nonpayment of fines, was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Merrill inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to provide for the sale of part of the public square, in the town of Corydon, was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered. That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Thomasson inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

And the House adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed, an enrolled bill entitled "an act to

incorporate Madison Academy, and had found the same duly enrolled.

The engrossed bill attaching the new purchase to the counties therein named, was read a third time, and on the question.

Shall this bill pass?

It was decided in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. John and Salor, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Graham,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,
Lindley,
Merrill,

Milroy,
Ross,
Sullivan,
Thompson,
Thomasson,
Warner
Zenor---14.

NOES,

Messrs. Crisler,
Evans,
Grass,
Hay,
John,

Lynn,
Maddox,
Morgan,
Salor, &
Sutherland---10

And so the bill passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Graham inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hay,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors."

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thomasson reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments

thereto, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the house.

On motion by *Mr. Morgan*,

Resolved, That the House do concur in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be read a third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Drew*,

Mr. Speaker,—The president of the Senate has this day signed an enrolled bill entitled "an act to incorporate *Madison Academy*;" and he withdrew.

On motion by *Mr. Morgan*,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the formation of a new county, out of the counties of *Daviess* and *Sullivan*.

Mr. Morgan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Morgan* reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Leave was not granted.

On motion by *Mr. Ross*,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the last mentioned bill be indefinitely postponed.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Morrison*, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed a joint resolution on the subject of a National road, from *Wheeling* to *St. Charles*, which resolution was read and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion by *Mr. Blake*.

The orders of the day were postponed till Monday next.

Mr. Blake submitted the following report.

Mr. Speaker,—The Committee to whom was refer-

red the petition of sundry of the citizens of Sullivan county, praying a removal of the seat of justice for said county, and to have the same permanently located at Carlisle, and the remonstrance against the said petition from the same county, report, that it appears to them, from the papers referred, independant of the rumor, which has been circulated, or any evidence of their personal knowledge, that the location of the seat of justice in Sullivan county, and the manner in which the judiciary were transferred thereto, have produced a great division of opinion, and much angry feeling among the people. This subject would demand the most serious attention of your Committee, and a full expression of their opinion if the petition had been at this session of the Legislature, but as more than a year has elapsed since the names were subscribed, and as there may have been a change of opinion since that time, your Committee forbear to make any remarks which might tend to inculcate or justify either party, or shew the expediency or inexpediency of a removal. County struggles are generally prejudicial, and instances of personal hostility are not the least of evils which they induce. It is therefore desirable to avoid any expressions not absolutely required by duty, which might recescitate such circumstances, or be an obstacle to a general conciliation, which report was read and concurred in by the house.

The Speaker laid before the house, the following communication from his Excellency the Governor.

To the House of Representatives of the State of Indiana:—

Having seen and considered the enrolled bill entitled "an act to vacate a certain Ferry in the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof, and for other purposes," I now return it to the House of Representatives where it originated with the following objections.

First, Because the ground south east of, or in front of

lots numbered ten and eleven, and bordering on the Ohio river, is individual property. and from which the bill proposes to give to George White, the right of Ferrying without being the owner thereof

Second. Because the rights of Ferry was, under the authority of the laws of the late Territory. granted to M. G. Clark, and Joseph Bowman, including together, the whole extent of the privilege proposed by the bill to be granted to George White, and which is now holden by and in the possession of the assignee, and legal representatives of the original proprietors. and in both instances, the bill would interfere with the rights of others legally vested.

Third. Because, by a proviso in the second section of the act to amend the several acts regulating Ferries, approved Dec. 27th 1816, a pledge of public faith is given to the assignees of original proprietors, that they shall enjoy all the advantages, which could have been enjoyed by the original grantees, which will not be realized if the bill becomes a law.

Fourth. Because the provisions of the bill, are calculated to grant to George White, an exclusive privilege; inconsistent with the nature of our Government, and against the known principles of the common law, as well as the existing statute regulating Ferries. The act to establish and regulate Ferries, approved Dec. 31st. 1817, prohibits the establishment of a Ferry, unless the applicant be the proprietor of the land on the sides of the river or creek, where the Ferry shall be established. The third section of the same act provides, where land bordering on any creek or river, shall be a public common for any town, the right of Ferry is to be granted only to such applicants, as are the owner or owners of land adjoining such public common.

By this statute, each individual being the owner of land in the town of Jeffersonville, and adjoining such common, would be entitled to a right of Ferry, if the public good required it, but by the bill under considera-

tion, George White, is to be invested with an extensive privilege, not being the owner (as is believed, of any real property adjoining such common, to the detriment of those who are the holders of real estate as aforesaid.

Fifth. Because the claims of every individual should be placed upon equal grounds, and left to the judicial power of the State to hear and determine upon all litigated points connected with personal rights; recollecting that our Constitution declares that right and justice, shall be administered without denial or delay

JONATHAN JENNINGS,

January 8th, 1820

Which communication, was read and laid on the table.

And the house adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Monday, January 10, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined

An enrolled bill entitled "an act amendatory to the act, entitled an act for the relief of the poor."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act for the benefit of the heirs of James Marra, deceased."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act for the relief of William Hoggatt."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act to regulate damages on protested bills of exchange."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act for the relief of Joseph W. Doak."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act appointing Commissioners to locate a scite for a permanent seat of Government of Indiana."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend an act entitled, an act to provide for the election of county and township officers."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act for the formation of

a new county out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act authorising the issuing of writs of Habeas Corpus."

An enrolled memorial to Congress upon the subject of surveying and marking the boundary line between this state and the state of Illinois.

An enrolled joint resolution to furnish the American Antiquarian Society with copies of the Constitution, Laws and Journals of this state, and had compared the same with the engrossed bills, memorial, and joint resolution, and had found the same duly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate.

Mr. Sutherland asked and obtained leave to submit a joint resolution authorising the Treasurer of state to receipt for money received by him from sheriffs, as state revenue for the years 1818-1819, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time to morrow.

On motion by Mr. Thomasson,

The House now proceeded to consider the enrolled bill entitled "an act to vacate a certain ferry in the town of Jeffersonville, and to establish a new one in lieu thereof," together with the communication of his excellency the Governor, stating his objections thereto.

And the question being put,

Shall this act pass?

It was determined as follows, viz:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Graham,
Grass,

Lindley,
Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Sutherland,
Thomasson, &
Thompson,—15

NOES,

Messrs. Hay,
 Mill.
 Holman,
 Jelly,
 John,
 Milroy

Morgan,
 Ross,
 Salor,
 Sullivan,
 Warner, &
 Dunn, Sp'r -- 12.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson inform the Senate of the passage of the said bill.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be informed that the Senate are now ready to form themselves into a court of impeachment for the trial of Basil Prather, clerk of the Washington Circuit Court, and wish to know when the managers appointed by the House of Representatives, will be ready to prosecute the impeachment against the aforesaid Basil Prather.

Mr. Thomasson submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that the managers appointed by the House of Representatives are now ready to proceed to the trial of Basil Prather, clerk of the Washington Circuit Court.

Which was read, and adopted.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomasson inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Ross gave notice, that he would, on to-morrow, or some subsequent day of the present session, introduce a bill to authorise the surveying of the boundary lines of Clarke county.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee to whom was referred the bill to establish a permanent road from Madison, in Jefferson county, to Vernon, in Jennings county, reported the same with amendments, which bill, as

amended, was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole *House* on to-morrow.

And the *House* adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The *House* met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the *House* of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to divorce John Reed from his wife Jane Reed.”

And the said bill was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the *House* of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this *House* entitled “an act to incorporate the borough of Charlestown, in Clarke county,” with sundry amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of the *House* of Representatives.

The amendments were severally read, and concurred in by the *House*.

Ordered, That Mr. Hay inform the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the *House* of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this *House* entitled “an act for the vacation of towns,” with sundry amendments, in which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of this *House*; and then he withdrew.

The amendments made in the Senate to the said bill, were severally read, and concurred in by the *House*.

Ordered, That Mr. Morgan inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The *House* proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

The engrossed bill to amend the act regulating estuaries and water crafts going adrift, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. Thompson inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill to amend an act entitled "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a third time, and

On motion,

Referred to Messrs. Ross, Dunbar and Merrill.

The engrossed bill from the Senate entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes," was read the third time, and

On motion,

Referred to Messrs. Merrill, Blake, Dunbar, Ross and Sullivan, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that

An act to incorporate Madison Academy.

An act regulating damages on protested bills of exchange.

An act defining seals to be affixed to instruments of writing and for other purposes.

An act for the relief of William Hoggatt.

An act appointing Commissioners to locate a scite for the permanent seat of Government of Indiana.

An act for the relief of Joseph W. Doak.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the election of county and township officers."

A joint resolution to furnish the American Antiquarian Society with copies of the Constitution, Laws and Journals of this state.

An act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington.

A memorial to Congress upon the subject of survey.

ing and marking the boundary line between this state and the state of Illinois.

An act authorising the issuing of writs of Habeas Corpus.

An act amendatory to an act entitled "an act for the relief of the poor."

And an act for the benefit of the heirs of James Marrs, deceased, has this day been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the joint resolution on the subject of a national road from Wheeling to St. Charles,

Mr. Thompson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thompson reported the same with an amendment, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

The said resolution was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence desired.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the joint resolution from the Senate, for the encouragement of domestic manufactures,

Mr. Hay in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Hay reported the said resolution with sundry amendments, in which he requested the concurrence of the House.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

The House concurred in all the amendments made to the said resolution, except the insertion of the words "if practicable."

On motion,

The House concurred in that amendment.

Mr. Thomasson moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out the words "Governor and Lieutenant Governor."

And the question on that motion being put, it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Crisler,

The said resolution was read a third time now, and on the question being put,

Shall this resolution be adopted?

It was determined in the negative:

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill extending the limits of the corporation of Rising Sun,

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Ross reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Milroy.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill defining the duties of county Commissioners in certain cases,

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again, and leave was not granted.

On motion,

The said bill was referred to Messrs. John, Milroy and Dunbar, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to expedite the collection of debts due the state.

Mr. Warner in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Warner reported the said bill with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Merrill, one of the managers appointed to prosecute the impeachment against Basil Prather, clerk of the Washington Circuit Court, submitted the following replication to the plea of Basil Prather aforesaid, which was read, and adopted by the House.

House of Representatives, January 10, 1820.

The House of Representatives of the state of Indiana, prosecutors on behalf of themselves and the people of Indiana, against Basil Prather, clerk of the Washington Circuit Court, reply to the answer of the said Basil Prather, and aver that the charges against the said Basil Prather are true; and that the said Basil Prather is guilty of all and every the matters contained in this article of accusation and impeachment, by the House of Representatives exhibited against him in manner and form as he is therein charged, and the House of Representatives are ready to offer proof thereof against him at such convenient time and place as the Senate shall appoint for that purpose.

WILLIAMSON DUNN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 6 o'clock.

Tuesday, January 11th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ross, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill authorising the boundary lines of Clark county to be surveyed, which was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to amend the act regulating the inspection of flour, beef, and pork, which was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed

An enrolled bill entitled "an act supplemental to an act for the appointment of county Surveyors."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois," and

An enrolled bill entitled "an act authorising the citizens of Monroe county to elect a president and trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes," and had found the same truly enrolled.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Polke*.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed without amendment, an engrossed bill entitled "an act authorising the arrest and securing of fugitives from justice," which originated in this House; and he withdrew.

On motion by *Mr. Graham*,

Ordered, That the bill to amend the act entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue," be referred to a Committee of the whole on this day.

And thereupon,

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the last mentioned bill,

Mr. Hay in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Hay* reported the said bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Mr. Merrill moved to amend the said bill by inserting between the words "sixty-two and one half cents," and the words "and in that proportion," the following, viz:

Three per cent, on all dividends on bank stock in chartered banks, the amount of which shall be listed of the Cashiers of the several banks, and paid by such incorporation.

Mr. Thomasson moved to amend the amendment by adding thereto the following, viz:

And three per cent. on all sums expended in the erection of mills, and on cash on hand, or money loaned on interest.

And on the question on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, the ayes and noes were demanded by Messrs. Graham and Ross, and were as follows:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,

Jelly,
Sullivan, &
Thomasson, &c.

NOES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,
John,
Lindley,

Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Morgan,
Ross,
Salor,
Sutherland
Thompson,
Warner, &
Zenor--22

And so the amendment to the amendment proposed was rejected.

The question on the amendment was then put, and decided in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Merrill and Warner, were as follows, viz;

AYES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,

Lindley,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy
Ross,
Thompson, &
Zenor--14.

NOES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Ewing,
Hay,
Jelly,
John,
Lynn,

Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner, &
Dunn, Sp'r--15.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow.

A message from the Governor by *Mr. Brandon*.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed by the Governor, to announce to you, that he did on this day, Jan. 11th. approve and sign.

An act appointing Commissioners to locate a scite for a permanent seat of Government of Indiana.

An act for the relief of Joseph W. Doak.

An act amendatory of the act entitled "an act for the relief of the poor."

An act to incorporate Madison Academy.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of James Marrs, deceased.

An act authorising the issuing of writs of Habeas Corpus.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the election of county and township officers."

An act for the relief of William Hoggatt.

An act regulating damages on protested bills of exchange.

A joint resolution to furnish the American Antiquarian society with copies of the Constitution, Laws and Journals of this State, and

A memorial to Congress on the subject of surveying and marking the boundary line between this state, and the state of Illinois; and then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Harrison*.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act to attach part of the present county of Spencer, to the county of Perry," in which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said bill was twice read and committed to a Committee of the whole, on to morrow.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Harrison*.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to announce to the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, entitled "an act to authorise the board of county Commissioners of the county of Perry,

to appropriate lot No. 183, in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a public school house, and for other purposes," in which they desire the concurrence of this House; and he withdrew.

The said bill was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole, on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,--- I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this house entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution;" approved Jan 7th, 1818, with sundry amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The said bill, with the amendments, were severally read and concurred in by the house.

Ordered, That Mr. John inform the Senate thereof.

On motion,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to establish a state Seminary, and for other purposes.

Mr. Blake in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Blake reported, the said bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered. That the same be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beard.

Mr. Speaker,--- I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, from this House entitled "an act to prevent the wearing of concealed weapons," with an

amendment, in which they request the concurrence of this House; and then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That the House concur in the amendment aforesaid.

Ordered, That Mr. Allen inform the Senate thereof.

The House now proceeded to consider the bill abolishing the board of county Commissioners, and establishing a county court of justices of the peace, and

Thereupon,

Mr. Merrill moved, that the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed, and the question on that motion being put,

It was determined in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Morgan and Dunbar, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Graham,
Pay,
Jelly,
John,

Lynn,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sutherland &
Warner,-- 14

NOES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
Lindley,

Maddox,
Ross,
Sullivan,
Thomasson,
Thompson,
Zenor and
Dunn, Speaker. 14

On motion,

The House now again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the last mentioned bill.

Mr. Sullivan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sullivan reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration. and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the *House*.

On the question,

Shall the House concur in the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Dunbar and Maddox, the votes were as follows. to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Evans,
Graham,
Hay,
Jelly,
John,

Lynn,
Lindley,
Merrill,
Milroy
Morgan,
Salor,
Sutherland, &
Warner,—16

NOES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,

Maddox,
Ross,
Sullivan,
Thomasson,
Thompson, &
Zener—12.

On motion by Mr. Thomasson,

The further consideration of the said bill, was postponed till the first Monday in December next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill, from this House entitled 'an act for the limitation of criminal prosecutions,' with some amendments, in which they desire the concurrence of this House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments aforesaid.

Ordered, That Mr. Merrill inform the Senate there-
of.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House entitled “an act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county,” with sundry amendments thereto, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendment made to the said bill, which erased the word six, and insert in lieu thereof, the word three. In the other amendments the House refused to concur.

Ordered, That Mr. Holman inform the Senate there-
of

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have concurred in the amendment made by this House to a joint resolution on the subject of a National Road from Wheeling to St. Charles.

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee to whom was referred the bill amendatory to the act entitled “an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration for the settlement of intestate estate and for other purposes,” reported the bill with amendments, in which he desired the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendments.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

Resolved, That the Committee of ways and means, be directed to report a bill authorising a loan to meet the defect in the expenditure of the current year.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, January 12, 1820.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate insist on their amendments made to the engrossed bill, entitled “an act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county;” and he withdrew.

Mr. Thomasson moved that the House recede from their determination not to concur in the amendments made to the said bill, and the question on the motion being put, it was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to improve the navigation of the eastern branch of White River,” in which they request the concurrence of this House.

The last mentioned bill was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole on to morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House entitled “an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the non payment of fines,” without amendment; and he withdrew.

Mr. Allen presented the petition of Lavinia Thompson, and others, praying certain relief, which was read, and

On motion,

Referred to Messrs. Allen, Blake and Warner, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That Epaphus Jones have leave to withdraw his petition and documents accompanying.

Mr. Blake submitted the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of

Armstrong, and others, and the remonstrance of Robert Buntin, Jr upon the subject of authorising the said Armstrong to build a mill on Prairie Creek, in Vigo county, report

That, according to the laws of this state, the Circuit Courts have the power of authorising, under certain circumstances, the erection of mills; and that when the Judiciary has exercised that power, the legislature ought at least to be very careful how they legislate against their discretion. In this case, Robert Buntin, Jr. was, by the decision of the Circuit Court, at the term of April, A. D. 1818, after much argument, permitted to make the necessary preparations, and erect a mill. It is with much regret, that the Committee are obliged to state, that from the information afforded by the documents submitted, notwithstanding the wants of the people have been great, no mill has yet been erected. The country was new, and particularly demanded the convenience of such an establishment, and that it should be promptly effected, must have been the understanding of the court. But the committee doubt the propriety of legislating a privilege when it is equally acceptable to all, through the medium of a well known statute. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee, and adopted the resolution last mentioned.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee on the petition of Elizabeth Campbell, reported a bill to divorce her from her husband, Samuel Campbell, which was read, and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee of ways and means, reported a bill to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state.

Which was read, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Blake presented the petition of Vigo and John Badollett, praying certain relief therein named, which was read, and referred to Messrs. Blake, Warner and Allen, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ewing submitted a joint resolution prescribing the manner in which the people shall petition the legislature for the redress of grievances, which was read, and passed to a second reading to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Hay,

Resolved, That the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company, be instructed to report a bill making provisions for the vestment of thousand dollars of the three per cent fund, in the capital stock of said company, in behalf of this state.

Mr. Blake presented the petition of Abraham Elliott, and others, praying to be authorised to lay out a town on a certain school section, which was read, and referred to Messrs. Blake, Allen and Warner.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Maurice Morris, and others, praying that a part of the counties of Clarke and Harrison, be attached to the county of Floyd, reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the said petition under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the House concur in the report of the Committee.

On motion by Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of adding a part of Clark and Harrison counties to the county of Floyd, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

And Messrs. Thompson, Dunbar and Thomasson, were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Blake, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill to amend the act entitled "an act prescribing the mode of changing the venue," approved Dec. 31st 1818,

And a bill to repeal an act entitled "an act for the benefit of debtors," which were read, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency and practicability of authorising the Governor of this state to draw for, and receive the three per cent. fund arising out of the sale of lands within this state, and to deposit the same in the banks of this state, with leave to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed by the Governor, to announce to you, that he did, on this day, Jan. 12th, approve and sign.

An act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Jackson and Washington; and he withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The House now proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

On motion,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to encourage the manufacture of salt in this state,

Mr. Morgan in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Morgan reported the said bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill to amend the act entitled "an act for opening and repairing highways," was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole *House* on to-morrow.

The bill to extend the limits of the corporation of Rising Sun, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. Jelly carry the bill to the Senate, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to expedite the collection of debts due the state, was read the third time, and passed:

Ordered, That the bill aforesaid be entitled an act, and that Mr. Sullivan carry the same to the Senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion,

The *House* now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, deceased,

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Dunbar reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on to morrow.

On motion,

The *House* now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the benefit of Jacob Lewis,

Mr. Warner in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Warner reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the *House*.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendment, and

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

The said bill was recommitted to a select Committee,
And Messrs. Sullivan, Morgan and Salor, were appointed that Committee.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act to amend the act, entitled an act concerning public seminaries, and for other purposes,"

Mr. Sullivan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sullivan reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Leave was not granted, and the said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled an act to reduce into one act all the acts and parts of acts relative to crimes and punishments."

Mr. Holman in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Holman reported the bill without amendments.

On motion by Mr. Hay,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the last mentioned bill be indefinitely postponed.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "an act to reduce into one act all

the acts, and parts of acts relative to crimes and punishments."

Mr. Salor in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Salor reported the bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow.

The bill for the benefit of certain lessees in *Monroe* county, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow.

The bill to attach part of the county of *Posey* to the county of *Gibson*, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole *House* on to morrow.

The bill to incorporate the *Vincennes* mechanic benevolent society, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

On motion by Mr Hay,

The *House* reconsidered the vote indefinitely postponing the engrossed bill entitled "an act supplemental to an act entitled an act to reduce into one act all the acts and parts of acts relative to crimes and punishments."

Thereupon,

The said bill was ordered to be read the third time on to-morrow.

And the *House* adjourned to 2 o'clock.

The *House* met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion,

The *House* resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate entitled "an act to authorise the board of county Commissioners of *Perry* county, to sell lot No. 183, in the town of *Rome*, for the use of a public school house, and for other purposes."

Mr. Crisler in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Crisler reported, the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill concerning Clerks, and for other purposes.

Mr. John in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. John reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The bill regulating interest in this state, was read a second time and, referred to a Committee of the whole House, on to-morrow.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to secure the collection of a certain debt due the state.

Mr. Chambers in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Chambers reported the bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the house.

On motion,

Resolved, That the House concur in the amendments aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill authorising the Foremen of grand juries to administer oaths in certain cases.

Mr. Lindley in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Lindley reported, the bill with an amendment, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendment aforesaid.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the last mentioned bill be indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The house now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to divorce Eleanor Duese from her husband Jubilee Duese.

Mr. Hill in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Hill reported, the said bill without amendments.

Mr. Thompson moved, that the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

And the question on that motion being put.

It was determined in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Thompson and Chambers, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Ewing,
Graham,
Hill.
Lindley,

Milroy,
Morgan,
Ross,
Salor, &
Thompson, —10

NOES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,
Jelly,

John,
Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Sutherland,
Warner, &
Zenor—14.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act, authorising the granting letters testamentary, and letters of administration for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes."

Mr. Jelly in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Jelly reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made sundry amendments thereto, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered That the said bill lie on the table.

Mr. Blake from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Vigo and John Badollett, reported a bill pursuant thereto, which was twice read and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

And the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday, January 13th, 1820.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Evans from the joint Committee of free conference to whom was referred the bill for the benefit of

Widows, reported that the Committee had agreed to amend the said bill by striking out the first section thereof, and substituting in lieu thereof, an entire new section.

The said bill with the amendment, was read, and the amendment was concurred in by the *House*.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. John from the Committee to whom was referred the bill, defining the duties of county Commissioners, in certain cases, reported a bill for the relief of William Simms, and Larkin Simms, which was read and passed to a second reading on to morrow.

Mr. Merrill from the Committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of insolvent debtors, reported the same without amendment, which bill was read, and passed.

Ordered, That the assistant Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

Resolved, That no new business be received after Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That a Committee of free conference be appointed on the part of this House, on the disagreement between the two houses on the amendments made by the Senate, to the bill from this house, for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county, and that a similar Committee on the part of the Senate be requested, and that the Senate be informed of the adoption of this resolution, and that the House of Representatives have appointed Messrs. Ross and Morgan, a Committee on their part.

Mr. Lynn presented the remonstrance of Charles C. Battell, against the attaching of part of Posey county, to the county of Gibson, which was read and referred to the Committee of the whole, to whom was referred

the bill to attach part of the county of Posey to the county of Gibson.

Mr. Thompson submitted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on banks, inquire into the expediency of a law, to authorise the General Assembly of this state, when they may deem it expedient to demand, and have from the directors of the State Bank, or its branches, under oath, a copy of any particular account kept by said Bank, which may effect the interest of the state, to report by bill or otherwise, which was read and adopted.

On the question of the adoption of the said resolution, the ayes and noes were demanded by Messrs. Thompson and Ross, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Crisler,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,
Lindley,

Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Sutherland
Thompson, &
Zenor---15

NOES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Grass,
John,
Jelly,

Lynn,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Sullivan, &
Warner,---11

The joint resolution authorising the Treasurer of state, to receive certain monies, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, on Monday next.

The House now proceeded to consider the bill to di-

voice Elizabeth Campbell, from her husband Samuel Campbell, and

On motion by Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

The bill to amend the act prescribing the mode of changing the venue, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, on to-morrow.

The joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, prescribing the mode of petitioning the Legislature for a redress of grievances, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, on to-morrow.

The bill to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state, was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole, on to-morrow.

The engrossed bill, regulating grist Mills, and Millers, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Morgan inform the Senate.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, to authorise the board of county Commissioners of Perry county, to appropriate lot No. 183. in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a public school house, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Ewing inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act to reduce into one act, all the acts and parts of acts relative to crimes and punishments, was read a third time, and on the question of its passage.

It was determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred in the amendment made by the joint Committee of free conference to the bill for the benefit of Widows; and then he withdrew.

The engrossed bill for the relief of the heirs of Daniel Rhoads, deceased, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Grass inform the Senate.

The engrossed bill to secure the collection of a certain debt due the state, was read a third time and passed.

On motion, by Mr. Sullivan,

Ordered That the same be entitled "an act to authorise Joel D. Thomasson to collect a certain debt due the State.

Mr. Milroy gave notice, that he would on to-morrow, or some subsequent day, introduce a bill to authorise the Governor of this state, to demand from the Executives of any of the states, or territories of the United States, any person that may have been illegally taken from this state, as persons owing service, or as fugitives therefrom.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House, that the Senate have appointed a Committee of free conference, to act with the Committee appointed by this House, on the disagreement between the two houses, on the act for the relief of the sheriffs of Wayne, and Clark counties; and then he withdrew.

The engrossed bill supplementary to an act entitled "an act to reduce into one all the acts, and parts of acts relative to crimes and punishments," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled 'an act supplementary to an act entitled an act, to license and regulate taverns,' and that Mr. Thompson inform the Senate of the passage of the bill, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, for the relief of certain lessees in Monroe county, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled 'an act,' and that

Mr. Chambers inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to encourage the manufacture of salt, in this state, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Graham inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill attaching part of the counties of Wayne and Franklin, to the county of Fayette.

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the house.

Mr. Holman moved, that the House concur in the said amendment, and on the question on that motion being put.

It was determined in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Holman and Hill, the votes are as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Crisler,
Evans,
Hay,
Jelly,
John,
Maddox,

Merrill,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Thompson &
Warner,—13.

NOES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hill,

Holman,
Ross &
Sutherland,—7

Mr. Warner moved, that the further consideration of

the last mentioned bill, be indefinitely postponed, and the question being put,

It was determined in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Ross and Holman, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Crisler,
Jelly,
John,
Merrill,

Morgan,
Salor, &
Warner,---7

NOES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,

Maddox,
Ross,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thompson &
Zenor,---13

On motion by Mr. John,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said bill, be postponed till the first Monday in December next.

The house now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to render proceedings upon writs of mandamus and information, in the nature of quo warranto, more easy and effectual.

Mr. John in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. John reported, the said bill with some amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the house.

On motion,

The house concurred in the amendments made in Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of

the whole, on the bill to amend the act regulating the militia.

Mr. Sullivan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sullivan reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again, and leave was granted.

And the House adjourned till 3 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, from this House, entitled 'an act amendatory to the act entitled an act, to regulate estrays and water crafts going adrift,' with sundry amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the house; and he withdrew.

The said bill and amendments thereto, were read and the question being put.

Will the House concur in the amendments made to this bill in the Senate?

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Hay from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed bills, the enrolled bills entitled acts as follows, to wit:

An act to authorise the board of county Commissioners of Perry county, to appropriate lot No. 183, in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a public school house, and for other purposes.

An act authorising the arrest and securing of fugitives from justice.

An act authorising the citizens of *Monroe* county to elect a president and trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes.

An act to prohibit the wearing of concealed weapons.

And an act to incorporate the borough of *Charlestown*, in *Clark* county, and had found the same truly enrolled.

And thereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Hay inform the Senate thereof.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act regulating proceedings in foreign and domestic attachments.

Mr. Lyon in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Lyon reported the bill with amendments, in which he requested the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate insist upon their amendments to the bill amendatory to the act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift; and he withdrew.

Mr. Warner moved that the House recede from their determination not to concur in the amendments aforesaid.

And the question on that motion being put, it was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill regulating impeachments of justices of the peace,

Mr. Ewing in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Ewing reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments aforesaid;

On motion by Mr. Merrill,

The further consideration of the said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate adhere to their amendments made to the bill to amend the act regulating estuaries and water crafts going adrift; and he withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That a Committee of conference be appointed on the difference between the two houses, on the bill last mentioned.

And thereupon,

Messrs. Thompson and Merrill were appointed that Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Merrill inform the Senate thereof, and request a similar Committee on their part.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Polke.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act declaring certain streams therein named, public highways,” with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of this House.

The said bill was read, and the amendments were severally read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Zenor inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Drew*,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred in the amendments made in the *House of Representatives* to the bill entitled “an act for the relief of insolvent debtors;” and then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Pennington*.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the *House of Representatives*, that the Senate have appointed a Committee of conference to act with a similar Committee appointed on the part of this *House*, on the disagreement between the two houses, on the bill regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift, and have appointed Messrs. Pennington and Montgomery the Committee on the part of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to divorce John Reed from Jane Reed, his present wife,

Mr. Sutherland in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Sutherland* reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made no amendment thereto.

The bill was read a third time, and the question being put,

Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative,

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Hill and Thompson, they were as follows:

AYES.

Messrs. Chambers,
Crisler,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,
Jelly,
John,

Lindley,
Lynn,
Maddox,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Warner, &
Zenor---19.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Hill,
Merrill,

Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson---6.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—The President of the Senate has signed the following enrolled bills, entitled acts, viz:

An act to authorise the board of county Commissioners of Perry, to appropriate lot No. 183, in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a public school house, and for other purposes.

An act authorising the arrest and securing of fugitives from justice.

An act to incorporate the borough of Charlestown, in Clark county.

An act supplementary to an act for the appointment of county Surveyors.

An act to prohibit the wearing of concealed weapons.

An act authorising the citizens of Monroe county, and other counties therein named, to elect a president and trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday, January 14, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Dunbar, pursuant to adjournment, introduced a bill to authorise the administratrix and administrators of the estate of Richard M. Heath, deceased, to sell a portion of the estate of said decedant, which was read, and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee on that subject, reported a bill to authorise the demand and reception from the government of the United States, of the nett proceeds of the three per cent fund, arising from the sale of public lands in this state, which was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Mr. Sullivan submitted a joint resolution authorising the reception of certain bank paper into the Treasury.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined the enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend an act, entitled an act subjecting real and personal property to execution," approved January 7th. 1818. and compared the same with the engrossed bill, and had found the same truly enrolled.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That hereafter the enrolling clerk hand all enrolled bills to the Chairman of the Committee for enrolled bills.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that he would, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act regulating the manner of empannelling Juries.

Mr. Merrill gave notice, that he would, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal the fifth section of the act to provide for the election of Senators and Representatives from this state, to the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana, on the subject of a national road from Wheeling to St. Charles.

An enrolled bill entitled "an act to vacate towns and for other purposes."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend an act, subjecting real and personal estate to execution," and that the same were truly enrolled.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee of free conference on the subject matter of the disagreement between the two Houses, on the amendments made by the Senate to the bill from the House of Representatives for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county, made the following report:

Mr. Speaker,—The managers of the Committee of free conference on the part of this House, and those on the part of the Senate, on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, on the amendments made by the Senate to the bill from the House of Representatives entitled "an act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county," have had the same under consideration, and have agreed that the Senate shall recede from their amendment made to said bill, which strikes out that part of it which relates to the sheriff of Clark county.

On motion,

The House concurred in said report.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed by the Senate, to inform this House, that they have concurred in the report of the Committee of free conference, on the subject matter of difference between the two Houses, on the amendments made by the Senate, to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "an act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county;" and he withdrew.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill supplementa-

By to the act entitled "an act for the opening and repairing of public roads and highways,

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Dunbar* reported the said bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On the question being put,

Will the House concur in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. John moved, that the further consideration of the last mentioned bill be indefinitely postponed, and the question on that motion being put, it was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

On motion by *Mr. Evans*,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate the militia,

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Graham* reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again, and leave was granted.

On motion by *Mr. Dunbar*,

The House adjourned till two o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The engrossed bill to amend the act regulating foreign and domestic attachments was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that *Mr. Thompson* inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to establish a state Seminary, and for other purposes, was read a third time, and on the question of its passage, the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Ross and Chambers, they were as follows:

AYES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,

Lindley,
Lynn,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross,
Sullivan,
Thomasson &
Zenor,—18.

NOES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
John,
Morgan,

Salor,
Sutherland,
Thompson, &
Warner,—9.

And so the bill passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ross,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate entitled "an act to improve the navigation of the east branch of White River."

Mr. Morgan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Morgan reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion by Mr. Milroy,

The House concurred in the amendment made in the Committee of the whole.

On motion by Mr. Milroy,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the President of the Senate, has signed an act to amend an act entitled 'an act subjecting real and personal property to execution;' approved 7th Jan. 1818.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana, on the subject of a National Road from Wheeling to St. Charles.

An act to vacate towns and for other purposes; and

On motion,

The House proceeded to consider the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act authorizing the granting of letters testamentary, and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes."

And the said bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the bill, of the same title as the one aforesaid, and which originated in this house, be indefinitely postponed.

The engrossed bill to amend the act for assessing and collecting the revenue, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

On motion, by Mr. Blake,

The House now proceeded to consider the bill to im-

corporate the Vincennes Mechanic benovolent society,
and

Thereupon,

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The House according to order resolved itself into a
Committee of the whole, on said bill.

Mr. Sullivan in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sullivan reported, the bill without amend-
ment, the same was considered as engrossed and read a
third time now, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and
the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence
requested.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the
whole, on the engrossed bill to organise a board of
Physicians in the fourth judicial Circuit, in Indiana.

Mr. Milroy in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Milroy reported, the bill without amend-
ment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time on
to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate entitled 'an act
to vacate part of the town of Lanesville,' was read a third
time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomasson inform the Senate of
the passage of this bill, and request their concurrence.

Mr. Hay from the Committee for enrolled bills, re-
ported that an act authorising the citizens of Monroe
county, and other counties therein named, to elect a
president and trustees for a county Library and for o-
ther purposes.

An act to prohibit the wearing of concealed weapons

An act supplementary to an act, for the appointment of county surveyors.

An act to incorporate the borough of Charlestown, in Clark county.

An act authorising the arrest and securing of fugitives.

An act authorising the board of county Commissioners of Perry county, to appropriate lot No. 183, in the town of Rome, to and for the use of a public school house, and for other purposes.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act subjecting real and personal estate to execution," approved 7th Jan. 1818.

An act to vacate towns, and for other purposes, and

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana, on the subject of a National road, from Wheeling to St. Charles,

Were this day presented to his Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this house, that the president of the Senate have signed, an enrolled bill, entitled "an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the nonpayment of fines."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act declaring certain streams therein named public highways."

And an enrolled bill entitled 'an act to vacate part of the town of Lanesville;' and then he withdrew.

The house now proceeded to consider an engrossed bill from the Senate entitled, "an act to attach a part of the present county of Spencer, to Perry county," and

Thereupon,

On motion by Mr. Grass,

Resolved, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed till the first Monday in December next.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law defining the duties

of trustees of incorporated towns with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

And Messrs. Dunbar, Ross and Jelly, were appointed that Committee.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday, January 13th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Milroy pursuant to notice, introduced a bill authorising the governor to demand persons illegally taken from this state, and held in slavery, from the executives of the other states, and territories of the United States, which was twice read and referred to a Committee of the whole, on Monday next.

Mr. Merrill pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to repeal the 5th section of the act to provide for the election of Senators and Representatives, to the Congress of the United States, which was twice read and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Warner from the Committee on that subject, reported a bill authorising the subscription for a certain number of shares in the capital stock of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal company, which was twice read and referred to a Committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Sullivan presented the petition of Henry P. Coburn and Reuben W. Nelson, on the subject of proposals to print reports of cases in law, and chancery, in the supreme court of this state, which was read, and

Thereupon,

Mr. Sullivan submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report a joint resolution, authorising the secretary of state, to subscribe for copies of the reports named in said petition for the use of the Execu-

ive, Legislative and Judicial departments of the government. which was read and adopted.

Messrs. Sullivan, Evans and Dunbar, were appointed the Committee contemplated by the resolution.

Mr. Hill gave notice, that he would on Monday next, ask leave to introduce a bill appointing Commissioners to examine, whether the provisions of the act removing the seat of justice of Wayne county, are complied with or not.

Mr. Thompson pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to regulate the manner of empannelling juries, which was read and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Warner gave notice, that on Monday next, he would introduce a bill establishing the permanent northern boundary of Daviess county.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Gray*.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform the house of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act for the benefit of certain lessees,” and

An engrossed bill entitled “an act extending the limits of the corporation of the Rising Sun, in Dearborn county,” without any amendment.

Mr. Thompson introduced a joint resolution, prescribing the manner in which applications by petition to the General Assembly, shall be made, which was read.

On motion by *Mr. Dunbar*,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Mr Morgan introduced a joint resolution for the benefit of sheriffs. which was read and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Drew*,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to authorise Joel D. Thomasson to collect a certain debt due the state;” and he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Gray*,

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to amend an act, for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, in Dearborn county,” passed 24th, Dec. 1815, in which they request the concurrence of this House.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The House proceeded to consider the joint resolution regulating the manner of petitioning the General Assembly for a redress of grievances, and

Thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on said joint resolution.

Mr. Morgan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Morgan reported the same with some amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments aforesaid.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Thompson pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to prevent extortion, and malicious mischief, and for other purposes, which was read and passed to a second reading on Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state.

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thomasson reported, the said bill with

sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendments.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the said bill by striking out the words "any of the chartered banks of this state," and inserting in lieu thereof, these words "the state bank of Indiana," and the question on that motion being put,

It was determined in the negative. and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Ross and Thompson, the votes were as follows, to wit.

AYES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,

Holman,
Lindley,
Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson,—12

NOES,

Messrs. Blake,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Hay,
John,
Jelly,

Merrill,
Morgan,
Sutherland
Sullivan,
Thomasson,
Warner, &
Dean Sp'r.—18

Mr. Milroy moved, to amend the bill by adding the following proviso, to wit:

'Provided that no notes of any branch bank be received in whole or in part of the loan hereby authorised, unless the branch bank at which such notes were issued or were made payable. pay specie for the notes by them issued, or made payable at such branch bank.'

And the question on that motion being put,

It was determined in the negative, and the ayes and

noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Dunbar,
AYES.

Messrs. Chambers,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,

Lindley,
Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson—10

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,
John,

Merrill,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner, &
Zenor—17.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on this day.

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill authorising the boundary line of Clark county, to be surveyed.

Mr. Allen in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Allen reported the said bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the house.

On motion,

The house concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

On motion,

The said bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to organise a board of Physicians

in the fourth judicial circuit in this state, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Drew*,

Mr. Speaker,—The President of the Senate has this day signed the following enrolled bills, entitled acts, to wit:

An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the nonpayment of fines.

An act declaring certain streams therein named public highways.

An act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Cotton*,

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform this house, that the Senate have passed the engrossed bill from this House, entitled 'an act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, dec'd.' without any amendment; and then he withdrew.

On motion, by *Mr. Blake*,

The orders of the day were postponed for the present, when

Mr. Blake, from the judiciary Committee reported a bill to fix the time of holding the circuit courts, which was twice read and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for this day, and the house adjourned to two o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to establish a road from Madison, in Jefferson county, to Vernon, in Jennings county,

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Graham* reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under

consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again, and leave was granted.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Little*.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives, to the engrossed bill to authorise the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes.

The engrossed bill authorising a loan for the use of the state, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The engrossed bill to render proceedings upon writs of mandamus and informations, in the nature of quo warranto, more easy and effectual, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that *Mr. Merrill* inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed, the following enrolled bills, entitled acts, viz.

An act to vacate a part of the town of Lanesville.

An act to divorce John Reed from his wife Jane Reed.

An act to organize a board of Physicians in the fourth Judicial Circuit of the state of Indiana, and for other purposes.

An act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

And had found the same truly enrolled.

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill limiting the action of ejectment.

Mr. Milroy in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Milroy reported the bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendments.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the enrolled bills, entitled as follows, were, on this day, Jan. 15th, presented to the Governor for his approval and signature, viz:

An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the nonpayment of fines.

An act for the formation of a new-county out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois.

An act declaring certain streams therein named public highways.

A message from his excellency the Governor by Mr. Brandon

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed by the Governor to announce to you that he did, on the 14th instant, approve and sign,

An act authorising the arrest and securing of fugitives from justice.

An act supplemental to an act, for the appointment of county Surveyors.

An act to incorporate the borough of Charlestown, in the county of Clark.

An act to prohibit the wearing of concealed weapons.

An act to vacate towns, and for other purposes; and then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid the House, the following communication from his excellency the Governor, and correspondence between him and the acting Governor of the state of Kentucky:

To the House of Representatives of the State of Indiana.

I now submit for the information of the General Assembly, copies of two letters, one of which received from, and the other addressed to, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, on the subject of fugitives from the justice of this state.

During the year 1818, Col. John Weathers was appointed as the agent in behalf of this state, to demand of the executive authority of Kentucky, certain persons, residents thereof, who had been indicted by the grand jurors of the county of Clark, for kidnapping.

The agent, in this instance, has informed me that he forwarded the documents necessary in this case, but has not received any answer thereto.

At an after period, the grand jurors for the county of Harrison, indicted certain other persons, resident of the same state, for kidnapping a certain person of colour named Susan. This act was done during those hours which are requisite to constitute burglary, entering a house that was occupied as a mansion, and forcing her off, without affording time to be invested with her usual apparel. The grand jurors, however, have indicted those persons for kidnapping only; though it is believed that some of them at least were, equally subject to be indicted of the crime of burglary.

Since the latter indictments, some time was suffered to elapse, with the hope, that one or more of the persons indicted, might be again found within the bailwick of the sheriff, in whose hands process was resting for their apprehension.

This expectation being disappointed, General John Tipton was duly authorised as agent in behalf of the state in this instance, upon whose prudence and promptitude every reliance was placed. Upon his appointment, he proceeded to the seat of Government of Kentucky, and made a formal demand, which was answered by the former of the letters, copies of which are here-

with presented. "The indefinite terms of this letter, with regard to the alledged defect, in the indictments, upon which the demand was made, render it difficult to ascertain those defects with precision, at least, until a further communication shall be received from the Governor of Kentucky, which was hoped for prior to this date.

Since my last letter on this subject, I have examined the original bills of indictment, to one of which there seems to be an objection, inasmuch as it concludes "against the peace and dignity of the United States," instead of concluding "against the peace and dignity of the state of Indiana." And it may be possible, that a variance may exist between the copies certified to me, and the originals.

Such violations of our penal laws, with impunity, while they are qualified to detract from the dignity, are equally calculated to impair the rights of the sovereignty of the state; and so long as a portion of our citizens shall countenance or encourage such infractions upon claims to protection, under the constitutional laws of the state, so long may we expect the deleterious effects of their influence.

To discharge our duty with promptitude towards every member of the union, should be an high object as a government, connected with, and bounded by, the ties which give force to that union; and as promptly to require a like discharge of duty from others, whenever constitutionally we are permitted, and our rights authorise such demand.

Expences have accrued, and may accrue on this subject, which will be provided for by the General Assembly, as far as necessity may require.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

January 15th, 1820.

State of Kentucky, Executive Office, Dec. 11, 1819.

SIR—I have had the honor to receive your excellency's letter of the 30th ult. demanding Robert Stephens,

James Thompson and Jesse Young, as fugitives from the justice of your state, and covering the documents on which you make this demand.

With your excellency, I deeply regret the existence of cases requiring the exercise of this branch of our mutual duty.

The conflicting policy of different states, renders it in some instances, a matter of difficult and delicate interference, and demand in all cases a compliance with the requisites of law, before a citizen of one state should be deprived of his liberty, and unheard sent to another for trial.

The demand which your excellency has made, not being brought within the provisions of the Constitution and laws which point out my duty in such applications, I must decline interfering. Had the case been one within the provisions of the law, I should, without hesitation, have complied with your request.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

your most obedient,

GABRIEL SLAUGHTER.

His Excellency Jonathan Jennings,
Governor of Indiana.

Corydon, Dec. 24th, 1819.

SIR—I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter of the 11th instant, acknowledging the demand, on my part, of Robert Stephens, Jas. Thompson and Jesse Young, as fugitives from the justice of this state.

It is for me to repeat the regret, that such instances should occur to render such demands unavoidable on my part. It has been the policy of this state, and certainly has been mine, to provide as far as the principles of the Constitution of our state would permit, in addition

to the Constitution and laws of the U. States, to facilitate the reclamation of fugitives from labor, who may have fled to this state, to avoid the service which may be due from them to persons claiming their labor. Our statutes prescribe punishment for those who shall harbour or prevent any person from reclaiming under the authority of law, fugitives from labor escaping for refuge within the limits of the state

Believing that it has been an object with this state, to discharge its duty to other and older members of the Union, with more confidence therefore shall we expect their constituted authorities to interpose and assist in bringing to public trial those charged with having violated our penal laws, and who may have fled after insulting the sovereignty of our state. Unfortunately this is not the first instance, and my expectations were that a similar demand would have previously been made.

It can only be a secondary object with the people of this state, to bring to punishment the citizens of any other, but it has become necessary to put a final stop to those outrages by inflicting punishment, as an example to others, or by giving impulse to public opinion, that such attempts are not only criminal, but highly derogatory from the duties mutually due from citizens of the U. States to the sovereignty and laws of every state in the Union.

Whether the documents upon which the late demand has been made were sufficient or otherwise, they were such as were certified to me by the order of the Circuit Court for the county of Harrison, under whose jurisdiction the indictments were found, with the expectation that in relation thereto, I should discharge my duty. If however, there shall have been clerical or other mistakes upon this subject, they would have been grounds of defence, when the individuals charged should have been put on their trial. The act of Congress in such cases made and provided, renders an ex parte affidavit made charging the person or persons so demanded, with

having committed treason, felony, or other crime, sufficient to support such demand, and it is difficult to conclude that the documents accompanying the demand alluded to, are not more substantial in good faith than that of an affidavit.

The first object of this Government will be to ensure the execution of its laws, with which its sovereignty is inseparably connected, and it will be for the government of Kentucky to explain to the citizens of this state, the principles and reasons upon which your Excellency decline an interference.

Permit me to solicit an early reply, accompanied with the indictments forwarded by Gen. Tipton, late the agent for the state, and accept the assurance of my high respects well for yourself, as the state over which you preside.

(signed)

JONATHAN JENNINGS,

Which were read, and

On motion by Mr. Milroy,

Were referred to a select Committee of Messrs. Milroy, Evas, Sullivan, Dunbar, Blake, Warner, John, Jelly, Ross and Hill, to consider and report thereon.

And the House adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Monday, Jan. 17th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Hill pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to authorise the appointment of Commissioners to inquire whether the provisions of the act, removing the seat of justice of Wayne county, from the town of Salisbury, to the town of Centreville, have been complied with or not, which was read, and passed to a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Warner pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to establish the permanent northern boundary line of Da-

viess county, which was twice read and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee on that subject, reported a bill defining the duties of trustees of incorporated towns, and for other purposes, which was twice read and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Mr. Warner from the Committee on the petition of Thomas G. Prentiss, agent for the proprietors of the town of Hindostan, reported a bill, authorising the proprietors of Hindostan, by their agent, Thomas G. Prentiss, to build a bridge over the eastern branch of White river, which was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Mr. Sullivan from the Committee on that subject, reported a joint resolution, authorising the Secretary of state, to subscribe for certain reports of cases in law and chancery, therein named, which was twice read and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee of ways and means, reported a bill making certain specific appropriations, which was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole on this day.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have concurred in the report of the Committee of free conference, on the disagreement between the two Houses, on the bill to amend the act regulating estrays and water craft going adrift.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee of free conference on the last mentioned bill, reported, that the Committee had agreed that the House of Representatives recede from their objection to the amendments made to the said bill by the Senate.

On motion,

The House concurred in the report of the Committee.

Mr. Moss, from the Committee for enrolled bills, re-

ported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed, the enrolled bills, entitled as follows, viz:

An act to amend the act entitled "an act to establish and regulate ferries."

An act extending the limits of the corporation of the town of Rising Sun, in Dearborn county.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, deceased.

An act to authorise Joel D. Thomasson to collect a certain debt due the state.

An act for the benefit of certain lessees.

And has found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Hay carry the said bills to the Senate, and request the signature of the President.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed by the Governor, to announce to you, that he did, on the 15th instant, approve and sign,

An act authorising the citizens of Monroe county, and other counties therein named, to elect a president and trustees for a county Library, and for other purposes.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "an act to expedite the collection of debts due the state," with an amendment, in which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of this House; and he withdrew.

The said amendment was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate.

Mr. Warner submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to report a bill creating the office of Attorney General of this state, which was read, and the question being

put, shall the House adopt the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion,

The House proceeded to consider the orders of the day.

On motion, by Mr. Sullivan,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill to establish a permanent road from Madison in Jefferson county, to Vernon, in Jennings county.

Mr. Graham in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Graham reported the said bill with sunday amendments. in which he requested the concurrence of the house.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

Resolved, That the House concur in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Mr. Blake moved to amend the said bill by adding the following section, to wit:

"Nothing in this bill shall be so construed as to give to any of the roads which are by it established a priority of claim to any portion of the three per cent fund, nor in any manner whatever to prevent an equal appropriation of the said fund, to the several districts or division of territory, to be hereafter equitably established in this state."

And on the question,

Shall this amendment be adopted?

It was determined in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Warner and Dunbar, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,

John,
Lindley,
Lynn,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Saler,
Sutherland,
Sullivan,
Thompson, &
Warner,—19.

NOES,

Messrs. Crisler,
Dunbar,
Hill,

Jelly,
Maddox, &
Thomasson—6.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The said bill was amended by inserting after the words 'to be opened' and before the words 'any width not exceeding,' these words, to wit:

'If it shall to them seem necessary.'

On motion by Mr. Chambers,

The said bill was amended by adding the following as an additional section, to wit:

David M. Hall of the county of Floyd, James Gregory of Lawrence county, and Roderick Collins, of Monroe county, are hereby appointed Commissioners, to view locate and lay out a road, to lead from New Albany, in Floyd county, by the way of Palestine in Lawrence county, to Bloomington in Monroe county, and thence on to Terre Haut in Vigo county, and it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners herein named to meet in the aforesaid town of New Albany, on the third Monday in May next, and after taking an oath or affirmation, faithfully to discharge the duties of their said appointment, shall proceed to view, locate and lay out said road, and shall be governed in every respect agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Ordered, That the said bill with the amendments

thereto, be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Polke.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this house entitled “an act to amend the acts relative to foreign and domestic attachments, without amendments;” and then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from his excellency the Governor.

To the H. of Representatives of the State of Indiana.

Since my message of the 15th instant, I have received another Communication relative to the fugitives from the justice of this state, from the governor of the state of Kentucky, accompanied by copies of the indictments certified to me from the Harrison Circuit court, upon which the demand was made.

Copies of the letter together with copies of the indictments are herewith laid before the General Assembly.

JONATHAN JENNINGS,

January 17th, 1820.

State of Kentucky,

Executive Office, Jan. 8th, 1820.

HIS EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN JENNINGS,

SIR,—I have had the honor of receiving your Excellency's letter of the 24th ult. in answer to mine of the 11th of said month, in which I informed your Excellency, that as the demand made on me, by your letter of the 30th November, and the documents forwarded therewith of certain persons, as fugitives from justice,

I must decline interfering, as the case was not brought within the Constitution and laws in such cases provided.

It has always been the object of the government of this state, to promptly discharge its duty as a member of the Federal Union, as well to the national Government, as to that of the co-ordinate States.

Our Federal Constitution, has wisely entrusted to the General Government, the enacting of laws which shall point out the mode and manner of making applications for fugitives from justice, and the consequent duties of the Executive of the state applied to in such cases.

Looking then to the provisions of the laws of Congress, on this subject, and to the letter of your Excellency, and the documents accompanying the same, I could entertain no doubt but that they did not meet the requisition of the law. In this opinion, I was fortified by the opinion of several Gentlemen of the first respectability, who were consulted by me, and in whose knowledge of the Constitution and laws of the country, great confidence ought to be placed; and upon a review of that opinion, I have no cause to doubt its correctness.

I will take this occasion, to remark, that the decision, which I formed, arose not from any alledged circumstance of the case; but would have governed on a similar application from any other state, and for any other alledged crime.

I therefore forbear making any remarks on the particular case, or upon the particular time chosen for making this application, considering the period which has elapsed since the transaction is alledged to have taken place.

It would be gratifying to me in the discharge of my official duty, to meet the approbation of any section of our common country, that may be affected by any of my official acts. A careful regard to what the best dictates of my judgment point out as my duty to all concerned, must however, be the means used to attain that end.

I have been thus explicit with your Excellency, as from the tenor of your letter, it would seem you had taken up the idea that in the course I had taken on this subject, there was not a proper respect paid to the constituted authorities of your state;—Than which nothing could have been further from my intentions.

I inclose in pursuance of your request the documents sent with your former letter. You will discover amongst other things in relation to them, that there is no evidence that they were found by the grand jury.

And it must always be a matter of duty in the Executive of the state applied to, to judge of the sufficiency of the documents on which he is called upon to cause a citizen to be arrested.

I have the honor to be,

your Excellency's

most ob'dt. servant.

GABRIEL SLAUGHTER,

Which were read and referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Governor on Saturday the 15th instant, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill to attach part of Posey county, to the county of Gibson.

Mr. Sullivan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr Sullivan reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the house.

On motion,

The house concurred in the said amendment.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said

bill be postponed till the first Monday in December next.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill authorising the guardians of Francis Mc'Kee and Archibald Mc'Kee, children of Dr. Samuel Mc'Kee, to sell a certain portion of the estate of said decedant.

Mr. Grass in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Grass reported, the said bill without amendments

Mr. Thompson moved that the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed, and the question on that motion being put,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion,

The said bill was considered as engrossed, and was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill authorising the sale of part of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county,

Mr. Allen in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Allen reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking out the first section, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendment aforesaid.

On motion,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed till the first Monday in December next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Baird.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "an act to attach the New Purchase to the counties therein named," with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

The bill was read as amended, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Graham inform the Senate thereof.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill disposing of the money arising from persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms,

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Thomasson reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on to morrow.

On motion.

The orders of the day were postponed for the present.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

Resolved, That the enrolling clerks be authorised to employ an additional enrolling clerk if they shall deem it necessary.

And the House adjourned to 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed.

An enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend the act entitled an act regulating estrays and water craft going adrift," and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar carry the said bill to the Senate, and request the signature of the President.

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill regulating interest in this state,

Mr. Salor in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Salor reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendment.

Mr. Warner moved to amend the said bill by inserting immediately after the enacting clause, the following, viz:

That hereafter on all monies loaned, the loaners thereof, shall receive such interest as they may contract for. *Provided however*, that where there is no special contract, then such money loaned, together with all notes, bonds and due bills, shall draw six per centum per annum as heretofore.

And the question on that motion being put, it was determined in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Thomasson and Merrill, Messrs. Dunbar, Graham, Lindley, Sullivan and Warner, voted in the affirmative, and the other members present, voted in the negative.

Messrs. Milroy and Ross were absent.

On motion by Mr. Merrill,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "an act to establish a state Seminary, and for other purposes," with some amend-

wents, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The first amendment which vested in the trustees of the state Seminary, in their corporate capacity, the Seminary lands in Gibson and Monroe counties, to be by them disposed of under the direction of the General Assembly, was read, and the question being put, will the House concur in this amendment? it was determined in the negative.

The other amendment being read, was concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate thereof.

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act entitled "an act organizing the Supreme Court, and regulating the practice therein," approved January 23d, 1816,

Mr. Morgan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein.

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Morgan reported the said bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

Resolved, That the House concur in the said amendment.

Mr. Graham moved that the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed, and the question on that motion being put, it was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill to limit the action of ejectment, was read a third time, and the question being put, shall this bill pass? it was determined in the negative.

An engrossed bill to amend an act entitled "an act supplementary to an act entitled an act, to amend an act entitled an act for the opening and repairing public

roads and highways," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. Merrill inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith,

Mr. Salor in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. John reported the bill without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

The said bill was considered as engrossed, and read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

On motion by Mr. Crisler,

The house now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act prescribing the mode of changing the venue,

Mr. Crisler in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Crisler reported the bill with an amendment, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendment made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow.

The engrossed bill from the Senate, to amend the act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, in Dearborn county, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morgan inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill fixing the time of holding the Circuit Court, and for other purposes.

Mr. Hay in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And *Mr. Hay* reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again; and leave was granted.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform this House, that the President of the Senate has signed the following enrolled bills, entitled acts, viz:

An act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, deceased.

An act to divorce John Reed from his late wife Jane Reed.

An act extending the limits of the corporation of the town of Rising Sun, in Dearborn county.

An act for the benefit of certain lessees.

An act to amend the act entitled "an act to establish and regulate Ferries."

An act to authorise Joel D. Thomasson to collect a certain debt due the state.

An act to amend the act entitled "an act regulating estrays and water craft going adrift."

An act to vacate a part of the town of Lanesville.

An act to organise a board of Physicians in the fourth Judicial Circuit of the state of Indiana, and for other purposes.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Tuesday Morning, Jan. 18th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, will meet the Senate in the Representative Hall, this evening at three o'clock, and proceed to the election of three directors of the state bank of Indiana, for the ensuing twelve months, and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Ordered, That Mr. Warner inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Hay from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that the enrolled bills, entitled as follows, were this day presented to his Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature. to wit:

An act to vacate part of the town of Lanesville.

An act organizing a board of Physicians in the fourth judicial circuit, of the State of Indiana, and for other purposes.

An act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

An act divorcing John Reed, from his late wife, Jane Reed.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, deceased.

An act extending the limits of the town of Rising Sun, in Dearborn county.

An act for the benefit of certain lessees.

An act to amend the act entitled "an act to establish and regulate Ferries."

An act to authorise Joel D. Thomasson to collect a certain debt due the state.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act regulating strays and water crafts going adrift."

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That this House insist on their objections to the amendments made in the Senate to the bill to establish a State Seminary, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That Mr. Graham inform the Senate thereof.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

The House reconsidered the vote on the passage of the engrossed bill limiting the action of ejectment.

And on motion,

The same was referred to a Committee of the whole on this day.

The bill for the relief of William Simms, and Larkin Simms, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to provide for the taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants, above the age of twenty one years in this state,” which was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Polke.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled “an act to revive an act entitled an act for the relief of such persons as may have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the Records of the county of Knox,” which was consumed by fire at Vincennes, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen; approved Sept. 7th, 1814, which was twice read and referred to a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison,

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act to amend an act entitled an act for assessing and collecting the revenue, with some amendments,” in which they request the concurrence of the House.

The two first amendments were read and concurred in by the House.

The third amendment, which was the insertion of the words, ‘and on all bank Stock actually paid in at

the rate of twenty five cents, on every hundred dollars,' was read, and

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

That amendment was amended by adding the following viz: "to be listed of the respective cashiers, and collected of the corporation," and the question being put,

Will the House concur in the amendment as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Morgan and Warner, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Hill,
Holman,
John,
Jelly,

Lindley,
Maddox,
Merrill,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Sutherland,
Sullivan,
Thompson,
Warner, &
Zenor,—22.

NOES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Hay,

Lynn,
Morgan, &
Thomasson—6

In the fourth amendment, which was the striking out before the words, 'on each silver watch,' the words, 'twenty five cents,' and inserting in lieu thereof, the words 'fifty cents,' striking out before the words, 'on each gold watch,' the words 'fifty cents,' and inserting the words 'one dollar in lieu thereof,' and on the fifth amendment, the House refused to concur.

On motion by Mr. Crisler,

The House reconsidered the vote on concurring in

the second amendment made to the said bill, in the Senate, which amendment, was the striking out of the proviso at the end of the first section, and which is as follows, to wit:

‘Provided always, That the quantity of land whether first, second, or third rate, shall be determined on the following principles, to wit: all land shall be considered first rate land, which is amongst the most valuable quantity of land, in the neighborhood, where the same shall be, and second and third rate land shall be adjudged by a similar rule founded on similar principles.’

And so the *House* refused to concur in the amendment last mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have adopted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Senate will meet the House of Representatives this evening at three o’clock, in the Representative Hall, for the purpose of electing three directors of the State Bank of Indiana, for the ensuing twelve months, and that the House of Representatives be informed of the adoption of this resolution, and that Mr. Pennington is appointed teller on the part of the Senate; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Allen from the Committee, on the petition of Lavinia Thompson and others, reported a bill authorising John F. Thompson, to sell a certain tract of land lying, and being in Sullivan county, and belonging to the estate of the late Martin Boils, dec’d. which was twice read, and referred to a Committee of the whole, on tomorrow.

The House now proceeded to consider the bill, to amend the act regulating the mode of impanneling grand and petit juries, and

Thereupon,

On motion by Mr. Thomasson,
Resolved, That the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,
The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the joint resolution authorising the reception of bank paper into the Treasury of State.

Mr. Warner in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Warner reported the bill without amendments.

On motion,

The said resolution was considered as engrossed; read a third time and passed.

And the House adjourned to 2 o'clock.

Tuesday, January 18th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to repeal an act, entitled "an act for the benefit of debtors,"

Mr. Jelly in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Jelly reported the bill without amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill authorising a subscription for a certain number of shares in the capital stock of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company,

Mr. Blake in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Blake reported the said bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow.

The bill to appoint Commissioners to enquire whether the provisions of the act removing the seat of Justice of Wayne county, from Salisbury to Centreville, are complied with, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, on to-morrow.

On motion,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill regulating interest on protested bank notes, and for other purposes,

Mr. Merrill in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Merrill reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause.

Mr. Sullivan moved that the House concur in that amendment.

And the question on that motion being put, it was determined in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Ross, they were as follows, viz:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Hay,
Hill,
Jelly,
John,

Lyon.
Merrill,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner. &
Zenor,—19.

NOES,

Messrs. Evans,
Graham,
Holman,
Lindley,

Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson,

On motion by Mr. Warner,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

The bill to regulate the power and duties of incorporated banks in this state, and their branches, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole on this day.

And thereupon,

On motion,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the last mentioned bill,

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Dunbar reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the House.

And the question being put, will the House concur in the said amendment, it was determined in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Sullivan, they were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hay,

Jelly,
Lynn,
Merrill,
Morgan,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson, &
Warner,—16.

NOES.

Messrs. Evans,
Graham,
Hill,
Holman,
John,
Lindley,

Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Thompson, &
Zenor,—12.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend the said bill by inserting immediately after the enacting clause, the following, viz:

That the stockholders of the several chartered banks in this state, shall be held bound and liable, in their individual capacity, for the amount of all notes issued by the banks of which they are stockholders, from and after the taking effect of this act.

And the question on that motion being put, it was determined in the affirmative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Dunbar, they were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Grass,
Holman,

John,
Lindley,
Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross,
Salor,
Thompson, &
Zenor,—16.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Hay,
Jelly,
Lynn,
Merrill,

Morgan,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson, &
Warner,—11.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Cotton*.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state,” without any amendment; and then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Morrison*, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have concurred in the amendment made by the House of Representatives, to the third amendment made by the Senate to the engrossed bill from the House of Representatives, entitled “an act amendatory to an act, entitled an act for the assessing and collecting the revenue,” approved Jan. 28th, 1818. and insist upon the second, fourth, and fifth amendment made by them to the same; and he withdrew.

On motion,

The House receded from their objections to the second amendment to the said bill, which amendment was the striking out the proviso at the end of the first section.

And on motion,

Resolved, That the House insist upon their objections to the fourth and fifth amendments to the said last mentioned bill.

Ordered, That *Mr. Graham* inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Governor by *Mr. Brandon*.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed by the Governor, to announce to you that he did, on the 17th instant, approve and sign an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for the nonpayment of fines.

An act declaring certain streams therein named public highways, and

An act for the formation of a new county out of the counties of Daviess and Dubois; and then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Drew*.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have receded from

their fourth amendment to the engrossed bill entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act for the assessing and collecting the revenue," but insist on their fifth amendment made thereto; and then he withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That the Senate be informed the House of Representatives are now ready to receive them in the Representatives Hall, for the purpose of electing three directors on behalf of the state, for the state bank of Indiana, at Vincennes.

Ordered, That Mr. Graham inform the Senate thereof, and that Mr. Warner is appointed teller on the part of the House of Representatives.

The Senators now pursuant to previous regulations, came down and took their seats in the Representatives Hall, for the purpose of electing three directors, for the State Bank of Indiana, on behalf of this state, and after the members had proceeded to vote by ballot for the officers aforesaid, it appeared by counting the votes, that James W. Jones, had twenty six votes; William C. Drew, had twenty votes; James B. Slaughter, had fourteen votes; Moris Tabbs, had thirteen votes; Charles Dewey, had three votes; Jonathan Lindly, had 18 votes; Samuel Milroy, had 2 votes; John H. Thompson had 3 votes; William Prince, had one vote; George R. C. Sullivan, had one vote; and Ezra Ferriss, had one vote; and

Thereupon,

James W. Jones and William C. Drew, having a majority of the whole number of votes given, were declared duly elected to the officers aforesaid.

The two houses then proceeded to a second balloting for the third director, and the votes being counted, it appeared that James B. Slaughter, had twenty two votes, for the office aforesaid; Jonathan Lindley seven votes; and Moris Tabbs, had eight votes; and

Thereupon,

James B. Slaughter, having a majority of the whole

number of votes given, was declared duly elected to the office aforesaid.

And the Senate returned to their Chamber.

On motion,

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning, Jan. 19th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion by Mr. Thompson,

Ordered, That the bill regulating the powers and duties of incorporated Banks, lie on the table.

Mr. Merrill from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed bill, an enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend an act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, in Dearborn county," passed 26th Dec. 1815, and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Merrill inform the Senate and request the signature of the president.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, that this General Assembly, will adjourn on Saturday next, sine die, and the Senate be informed thereof, and requested to adopt a similar resolution.

Mr. Lynn from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jesse Y. Welbourn, and others, reported that the Committee had according to order, had the said petition under consideration, and are of opinion, that

there is no necessity of Legislation on the prayer of the petitioners.

On motion by Mr. Thompson,

Ordered, That the Committee to whom was referred the petition praying part of Harrison and Clark counties to be attached to the county of Floyd, be discharged from a further consideration of said petition, &c.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that he would ask leave to introduce a bill pursuant to the said petition on tomorrow.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of Robert Dunn, and others, corroboratory to the prayer of petitions heretofore presented, praying part of Posey county, to be attached to the county of Gibson.

Ordered, That the same lie on the table.

The engrossed bill to establish a permanent road from Madison in Jefferson county to Vernon in Jennings county, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act locating certain permanent roads therein named and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

On motion by Mr. Allen,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill fixing the time of holding the circuit courts in this state, and for other purposes.

Mr. Morgan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Morgan reported the bill with some amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendments.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed and read a third time on this day.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill appointing Commissioners to examine whether the provisions of the act removing the seat of justice of Wayne county, from Salisbury to Centreville, are complied with or not.

Mr. Sullivan in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Sullivan reported the said bill with an amendment, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendment made in the Committee of the whole.

On motion,

The said bill was considered as engrossed and read a third time and passed.

Ordered. That the same be entitled "an act to settle certain disputes in Wayne county," and that the Senate be informed of the passage thereof, and their concurrence requested.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Polke.

Mr. Speaker.—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill entitled "an act for the benefit of the heirs of William Jones dec'd." and then he withdrew.

The said bill was twice read and referred a Committee of the whole on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have adopted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved. By the Senate, that this General Assembly will adjourn sine die on Saturday next, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker.—I am directed by the governor, to announce to you, that he did on the 18th instant, ap-

prove and sign an act to amend an act entitled "an act to establish and regulate Ferries."

An act for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Rhodes, dec'd.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act regulating estrays and water crafts going adrift."

An act extending the limits of the corporation of the town of Rising Sun, in Dearbourn county.

An act to authorise Joel D. Thomasson to collect a certain debt dur the state.

An act for the benefit of certain lessees.

An act to amend an act subjecting real and personal property to execution; and then he withdrew.

The bill to authorise the administrators of the estate of Richard M. Heth, deceased, to sell part of the estate of said decedant, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on this day.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to establish a permanent northern boundary of Daviess county.

Mr. Mirrell in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And *Mr. Merrill* reported the Bill without any amendment.

On motion by *Mr. Warner*,

The said bill was considered as engrossed; read a third time and passed.

Ordered That the same be entitled "an act," and that *Mr. Warner* inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to amend the act entitled "an act prescribing the mode of changing the venue," was read a thired time and passed.

Ordered. That the same be entitled "an act," and that *Mr. Dunbar* inform the Senate and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill disposing of the money arising from persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled 'an act,' and that Mr. Thomasson inform the Senate, and request their concurrence therein.

The joint resolution for the benefit of sheriffs, was read a second time; ordered to be engrossed; and read a third time on to-morrow.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to authorise the demand and reception from the Government of the United States, of the nett proceeds of the three per cent fund, arising from the sale of public lands in this State.

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported the bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the said bill in the Committee of the whole, except the filling up of the blank in the second section, with the words 'twenty three,' and on the question,

Will the House concur in this amendment?

The ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Dunbar, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Grass,
Hay,
Holman,
Jelly,

John,
Lynn,
Morgan,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner, &
Zenor,—17.

NOES,

Messrs. Crisler,	Maddox,
Evans,	Milroy,
Graham,	Ross,
Hill,	Salor, &
Lindley,	Thompson,—11
Merrill,	

And so the house concurred in that amendment.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the said bill by inserting after the last section the following proviso, to wit:

Provided, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent any future General Assembly of this state from withdrawing any funds deposited in any of the banks whenever they may deem it expedient to appropriate the same, or when the solvency of said banks may become doubtful.

Which amendment was read and adopted.

And on the question of its adoption, the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Ross and Evans, the votes were as follows:

AYES.

Messrs. Chambers,	Maddox,
Crisler,	Merrill,
Evans,	Milroy,
Ewing,	Ross,
Graham,	Salor,
Grass,	Thompson,
Hill,	Warner, &
John,	Zenor,—17.
Lindley,	

NOES.

Messrs. Blake,	Lynn,
Dnubar,	Morgan,
Hay,	Sullivan,
Holman,	Sutherland, &
Jelly,	Thomasson,—10,

Mr. Ross moved further to amend the said bill by

adding after the last proviso, the following proviso, to wit:

Provided, That the bank or banks, in which the three percent fund shall be deposited, shall not be entitled to any thing for keeping the said money in their vaults, and the question being put, will the house adopt this amendment, it was determined in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Ross and Hay.

Messrs. Milroy and Ross, voted in the affirmative, and the other members in the negative.

Mr. Milroy moved to amend the said bill by inserting at the end of the aforesaid adopted proviso, the following, to wit:

Provided, That no deposit of the three per cent fund, shall be made in any bank of this state, unless such bank will at all times during such deposit pay specie for their notes on demand.

And on the question,

Shall this amendment be adopted?

It was determined in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Jelly, the votes were as follows. to wit:

AYES.

Messrs. Evans,
Graham,
Lindley,
Maddox,

Milroy,
Merrill, &
Ross,—7

And the rest of the members in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—The president of the Senate has signed the enrolled bills entitled as follows, to wit:

An act to expedite the collection of debts due the state.

An act attaching the new purchase to certain counties therein named and for other purposes.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act authorising

the granting of letters testamentary, and letters of administration for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes."

An act to amend an act entitled "an act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, in Dearbours county." passed 26th Dec. 1815, and he withdrew.

And the house adjourned to 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Polke.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House entitled "an act to establish the northern boundary of Daviess county, without amendment; and he withdrew.

Mr. Ross from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that that Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed, the enrolled bills entitled as follows, to wit:

An act to establish a state Seminary and for other purposes.

An act for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith.

An act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state.

An act to amend the act relative to foreign and domestic attachments.

An act authorising the guardians of Francis V. Mc'Kee and Archibald Mc'Kee, minor children of the late Doctor Samuel Mc'Kee dec'd. to sell a certain portion of the estate of said deceased, had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross convey the said bills to the Senate, and request the signature of the president.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan.

Resolved, That a Committee of free conference be appointed to act with a similar Committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, on the disagreement between the two houses, on the bill to amend the act for assessing and collecting the revenue, and Messrs. Sullivan and Dunbar were appointed that Committee.

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed bill, an enrolled bill entitled "an act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county," and the same is truly enrolled.

A message from the Senate by **Mr. Morrison**, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House entitled "an act to render the proceedings on writs of mandamus and informations in the nature of quo warranto, more speedy, and effectual," without amendment.

Also, the Senate have adopted an engrossed joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on the subject of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county, to which they ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and he withdrew.

The said resolution was twice read, and passed to a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion by **Mr. Thompson**,

Resolved, That George White have leave to withdraw his petition and accompanying documents.

A message from the Senate by **Mr. Little**.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "an act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and he withdrew.

The said bill was read as amended, and the amendment was concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That **Mr. Graham** inform the Senate

A message from the Senate by **Mr. Drew**.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed the engrossed joint resolution. authorising the reception of certain bank paper into the Treasury, with some amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

In the first and second amendments the House con-

curring, and in the third amendment the House concurred after it was amended by adding the following, viz:

"At the time it is received by the sheriff or other officer collecting the same."

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof; and their concurrence requested.

The engrossed bill authorising the administrators of the estate of Richard M. Heth, deceased, to sell part of the estate of said deceased, was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker. I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have concurred in the amendment made by the House of Representatives, to the third amendment made by the Senate to the joint resolution authorising the reception of certain bank paper into the Treasury; and he withdrew.

The engrossed bill authorising the subscription of a certain number of shares in the capital stock of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. Hay inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill to repeal an act, entitled "an act for the benefit of debtors," was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. Allen inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill for the relief of William Simms and Larkin Simms, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. John inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,--- The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "an act to authorise the administrators of the estate of Richard M. Heth, deceased, to sell a portion of the estate of said deceased," without amendment; and he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,--- I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That in compliance with the request of the House of Representatives, a Committee of free conference be appointed on the part of the Senate, on the difference between the two Houses, on the bill to amend an act, entitled "an act for the assessing and collecting the revenue," and that Messrs. Drew and Cotton be that Committee.

On motion,

The house now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act, entitled "an act regulating the militia,"

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thomasson reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had amended the same by striking it out from the enacting clause, in which amendment he asked the concurrence of the house.

On motion by Mr. Blake,

The house concurred in the said amendments, and

On motion by Mr. Merrill,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the said bill be indefinitely postponed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,--- I am instructed to inform the House

of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this house, entitled "an act to settle certain differences in the county of Wayne," with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The said bill was read as amended; and

On motion,

Resolved, That the house concur in the amendments made thereto by the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Hill inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker, -- The President of the Senate has signed the enrolled bills entitled as follows, viz:

An act to amend the acts relative to foreign and domestic attachments.

An act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county.

An act to establish a state Seminary, and for other purposes.

An act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state.

An act for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith.

An act authorising the guardians of Francis V. McKee and Archibald McKee, minor children of the late Samuel McKee, deceased, to sell a certain portion of the estate of said deceased; and he withdrew.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that

An act to amend an act for the incorporation of the town of Lawrenceburgh, in Dearborn county, passed 26th Dec. 1815.

An act to amend an act, entitled "an act authorising the granting of letters testamentary and letters of administration, for the settlement of intestate estates, and for other purposes."

An act to expedite the collection of debts due the state.

An act to attach the New Purchase, to the counties therein named, and for other purposes.

Were, on this day, Jan. 19, 1820. presented to his Excellency the Governor for his approval and signature.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the joint resolution to authorise the Treasurer of state to receipt for certain monies,

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Ross reported the same with some amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the house.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill limiting the action of ejectment,

Mr. Crisler in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Crisler reported the said bill with sundry amendments.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow.

On motion,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill authorising the citizens of Hindostan, by their agent, Thomas G. Prentiss, to erect a toll bridge over the eastern branch of White River,

Mr. Thompson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And *Mr. Thompson* reported the said bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on to-morrow.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed bill, an enrolled bill, entitled "an act for the benefit of widows," and that the same was truly enrolled.

and the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Thursday, January 20th, 1820.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined the enrolled bill entitled "an act to render the proceedings on writs of mandamus and informations, in the nature of quo warranto, more speedy and effectual," and had compared the same with the engrossed bill, and had found the same truly enrolled.

Mr. Thompson, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to attach part of the counties of Harrison and Clark, to Floyd county.

On motion by *Mr. Graham*,

Ordered, That the same lie on the table.

Mr. Sullivan, from the Committee of free conference, on the disagreement between the two houses, on the bill to amend the act entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue," reported, that the Committee had agreed that the House of Representatives recede from their objections to the amendment to the said bill, on which the difference arose.

On motion,

The *House* concurred in the report aforesaid.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the enrolled bills, entitled as follows, were, on the 19th instapt, presented to his Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature, viz:

An act to amend the acts relative to foreign and domestic attachments.

An act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county.

An act to establish a state Seminary and for other purposes.

An act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state.

An act for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith.

An act to authorise the guardians of Francis V. Mc'Kee and Achibald Mc'Kee, minor children of the late Doctor Samuel Mc'Kee dec'd. to sell a certain portion of the estate of said decedant.

On motion by *Mr. Warner*,

Resolved, That the bill to authorise the inhabitants of Hindostan, by their agent, Thomas G. Prentiss, to erect a toll bridge over the east branch of White River, lie on the table, and that the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in December next.

The engrossed bill to fix the time of holding the Circuit Courts, and for other purposes, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that *Mr. Ross* inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed joint resolution for the benefit of sheriffs, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That *Mr. Morgan* inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to limit the action of ejectment, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. Thompson inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed joint resolution to authorize the Treasurer of state to receipt for certain monies, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled as aforesaid, and that the Senate be informed of the passage thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The engrossed bill to amend an act entitled "an act organizing the Supreme Court, and regulating the practice therein," approved Dec. 23d, 1816, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled an act, and that Mr. Blake inform the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "an act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Courts, and for other purposes," without amendment; and then he withdrew.

On motion,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill making general appropriations for the year 1820,

Mr. Merrill in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Merrill reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the same be considered as engrossed, and read a third time this day.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "an act for the relief of William Simms

and Larkin Simms," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of this house; and he withdrew.

The said amendment was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. John inform the Senate.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill making certain specific appropriations,

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Dunbar reported the bill with sundry amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion by Mr. Hay,

Resolved, That the house concur in the amendments made to the said bill in Committee of the whole.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Little.

Mr. Speaker,--I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, authorising the Treasurer of state, to receipt for certain monies therein named, without amendment; and then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,-- I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled 'an act authorising the subscription of a number of shares to the capital stock of the Jeffersonville, Ohio Canal Company,' without amendment; and he withdrew.

On motion,

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate entitled "an act for taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants, above the age of twenty one years, in this state."

Mr. Thomasson in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Thomasson reported the bill without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,
The said bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Morgan inform the Senate.

The engrossed bill authorising the demand and reception of the nett proceeds of the three per cent. fund, arising from the sale of public lands in this state, was read a third time, and on the question of its passage, the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Ross and Morgan, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Ewing,
Grase,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,

Jelly,
John,
Lynn,
Morgan,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner, &
Zenor,—20.

NOES,

Messrs. Evans,
Graham,
Lindley,
Merrill,

Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson,—3.

And so the said bill passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

Mr. Ross gave notice, that he would enter his protest against the passage of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Blake,

The House now according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill

from the Senate entitled "an act to revive an act entitled an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which were consumed by fire, at Vincennes, in the year 1814," approved Sept. 7th 1814.

Mr. Morgan in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Morgan reported the bill without amendments.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The said bill was considered as engrossed, and read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Blake inform the Senate thereof.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to prevent extortion and malicious mischief, and for other purposes.

Mr. Warner in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Warner reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some amendments thereto, in which he asked the concurrence of the house.

On motion,

The House concurred in the amendments made in the Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed and read a third time, on this day.

On motion by Mr. Sullivan,

Resolved, That the Committee of the whole, to whom was referred a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, which originated in the Senate, on the subject of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The said resolution was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Blake inform the Senate.

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the joint resolution, authorising the Secretary of state to subscribe for copies of certain reports of cases in law, and chancery therein named.

Mr. Ross in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Ross reported the same without amendment.

The said resolution was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

On motion;

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to authorise John F. Thompson, to sell a certain tract of land in Sullivan county.

Mr. Maddox in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Maddox reported the bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed and read a third time this day.

On motion by Mr. Milroy,

The orders of the day were postponed for the present.

And thereupon,

On motion by Mr. Milroy,

Provided, That the Committee appointed to furnish the House with stationary, be instructed to contract for the printing of one hundred copies of the act amendatory to the act entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue, to be completed and delivered in equal

proportions to the Representatives previous to the adjournment of the General Assembly, if possible, for the use of the several counties."

Also one hundred copies of the law fixing the time of holding circuit courts, in this state, to be distributed in same manner.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill defining the duties of Trustees of incorporated towns, and for other purposes.

Mr. Holman in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Holman reported the bill with some amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendments, and

On motion by Mr. Thompson,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the last mentioned bill be indefinitely postponed.

And then the House adjourned to 2 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Merrill from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported that the Committee had examined, and compared with the engrossed bills, the enrolled bills entitled as follows, viz:

1. An act to authorise the administrators of the estate of Richard M. Heth, dec'd. to sell and convey a portion of the estate of said decedent.

2. An act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state, and

3. An act amendatory to an act entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue," and had found the same truly enrolled.

On motion by Mr. Warner,

The House reconsidered their vote of indefinitely postponing the further consideration of the bill defining the

duties of Trustees of incorporated towns, and for other purposes, and

On motion,

The said bill was referred to a Committee of the whole, on this day, and

On motion by Mr. Hay,

The House now again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on said bill.

Mr. Hay in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Hay reported the bill with some amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the house.

On motion,

The House concurred in the said amendments.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The engrossed bill, making certain specific appropriations, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled 'an act,' and that the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

The engrossed bill making general appropriations for the year 1820, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that Mr. Sullivan inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Speaker—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the joint resolution, which originated in the Senate, on the subject of the township of land in Gibson county; and he withdrew.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed by the Governor to announce to you, that he did on this day, Jan. 20th, approve and sign,

An act attaching the new purchase to the counties therein named, and for other purposes.

An act to amend the acts relative to foreign and domestic attachments.

An act to expedite the collection of debts due the state.

An act to authorise a loan for the benefit of the state.

An act authorising the guardians of Francis V. Mc²-Kee and Archibald Mc²-Kee, minor children of the late Dr. Samuel Mc²-Kee, to sell a certain portion of the estate of said decedant.

An act for the benefit of Samuel Goldsmith.

An act to establish a State Seminary, and for other purposes, and

An act for the relief of Abraham Elliott, sheriff of Wayne county, and Joseph Gibson, sheriff of Clark county; and he withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House entitled “an act to authorise the boundary lines of Clark county, to be surveyed,” with sundry amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House; and he withdrew.

The said amendments were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof. The engrossed bill to prevent extortion and malicious mischief, and for other purposes, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled “an act,” and that Mr. Thompson inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That the Committee of the whole be discharged from a further consideration of the bill to repeal the 5th section of the act to provide for the election of

Senators and Representatives, from this state to Congress of the United States, and

On motion,

The said bill was read a third time, and the question being put,

Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Milroy and Dunbar, the votes were as follows, to wit:

AYES,

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Dunbar,
Evans,
Merrill,

Rose,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Thompson, &
Warner,—11

NOES,

Messrs. Crisler,
Ewing,
Graham,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,

Lindley,
Lynn,
Morgan,
Milroy,
Salor, &
Sullivan,—12.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Gray,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have passed an engrossed bill, from this house, entitled "an act to establish certain roads therein named," with sundry amendments, in which I am instructed to request the concurrence of the House of Representatives; and then he withdrew.

The amendments made to the said bill by the Senate, were severally read, and concurred in by the house.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

The House now proceeded to consider the joint resolution prescribing the manner of petitioning the Legislature for redress of grievances, and the same was

read and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Mr. Ross from the Committee for enrolled bills reported that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed Bill, an enrolled bill, entitled "an act to settle certain differences in Wayne county," and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the engrossed bill from the Senate, entitled "an act for the benefit of the heirs of William Jones, deceased."

Mr. Evans in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Evans reported the said bill without amendment, and

On motion,

The said bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Warner inform the Senate thereof.

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act entitled "an act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over," approved Jan. 27th 1818.

Mr. John in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. John reported the bill with an amendment, in which he asked the concurrence of the House.

On motion by Mr. Evans,

Resolved, That the House concur in the said amendment.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed, and read a third time on this day.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed without amendment, an engrossed bill from this House entitled “an act making general appropriations for the year 1820.”

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant-secretary.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled “an act making certain specific appropriations,” with some amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

The said amendments were severally read, and concurred in, except the second amendment, which was the striking out the word “four” and inserting in lieu thereof, the word “three” and in that amendment the House refused to concur.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate thereof.

The engrossed bill to define the duties of Trustees of incorporated towns, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled “an act,” and that Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. Merrill from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that the Committee had examined, and compared with the engrossed bill, an enrolled bill entitled “an act fixing the time of holding the circuit courts, and for other purposes,” and that the same was truly enrolled.

The engrossed joint resolution, regulating the manner of petitioning the Legislature for a redress of grievances, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Evans inform the Senate, and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to amend an act entitled “an act respecting proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent,

and tenants at will holding over,' was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the same be entitled "an act," and that the Senate be informed of the passage thereof, and their concurrence requested.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House, entitled "an act to prevent extortion and malicious mischief, and for other purposes," without amendment.

On motion,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act regulating the inspection of flour, beef and pork.

Mr. Blake in the Chair,

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Blake reported, that the Committee of the whole, had according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again: leave was not granted.

And on motion,

The said bill was referred to Messrs. Dunbar and Thompson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Milroy from the Committee to whom was referred the communications from his excellency the Governor, on the subject of a demand made of the Governor of Kentucky, of certain fugitives from the justice of this state reported, that the Committee had according to order, had the said communications under consideration, and had directed him to prepare and submit a report, which report he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read and referred to a Committee of the whole, on to-morrow.

Your Committee to whom was referred His Excellency the Governor's Communications, on the demand

made by him of His Excellency the acting Governor of Kentucky, of certain fugitives from justice; together with the copies of the correspondence that has taken place on that subject, beg leave to report: That they have had the same under consideration; and would remark, that it is extremely painful to them, that a subject of this nature should require their investigation, but unless they would permit their laws to be trampled on with impunity, they must not forget the rights their State is entitled to. Notwithstanding the expressions of respect for our constituted authorities contained in the communications of his Excellency the acting Governor of Kentucky, your Committee regret to observe in it a disposition not in compliance with principles, which as members of the same Union, both States should inculcate.

From the documents referred to your Committee, it appears that he believes himself warranted in the course he has pursued, by the Constitution of the United States, as reserving to Congress the right to enact laws on the subject of fugitives from justice. Your Committee are unwilling to enter into an inquiry how far he may have complied with those laws, or whether he has yielded up his own judgment to that of others; who are not responsible for the consequences.

In justification of the course pursued by our state, your Committee would observe, that though the Constitution provides, that persons held to service or labor in one state, shall not be discharged by their escape into another state, but shall be delivered up on the claim of the party to whom such service or labour may be due; yet they are unable to discover any right to legislate on this subject reserved to Congress, as has been alleged—this clause being but a prohibitory provision, that one State shall have no power to emancipate the slaves of another state. But though an unfortunate race of human beings are recognised as property in several of the states, and though their fleeing from service does not

disolve their obligation to serve, yet as slavery is unknown in our Constitution, the natural presumption is, that every individual within the limits of Indiana is free, and must be deemed as such until the contrary is proved. Hence the propriety of the law that requires the individual claimed as a fugitive from service, to be proved to be such, prior to his removal from this state.

Your Committee are of opinion; that if the right claimed by this law should be surrendered, (a law that has been violated by those persons who were demanded from the governor of Kentucky as fugitives from justice) an essential prerogative of our sovereignty would be lost; one that should be as strenuously contended for, as any state right whatever.

Your Committee would remark, that they are well satisfied with the course the governor of this state has pursued in this unpleasant business, and have not a doubt that in the future management of it, the honor and dignity of the state will be supported.

And the *House* adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday, Jan. 21st, 1820.

The *House* met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have receded from their second amendment to the engrossed bill entitled “an act making certain specific appropriations,” to which this *House* disagreed.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Morrison, their assistant secretary.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this house entitled “an act to amend the act entitled an act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over,” without amendment.

Mr. Thompson from the Committee on the bill to amend the act regulating the inspection of flour, beef and pork, reported the same with some amendments, in which he asked the concurrence of the *House*.

The amendments were read and concurred in by the house.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed and read a third time this day.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Drew*,

Mr. Speaker,—The president of the Senate has signed the enrolled bills entitled as follows, to wit:

An act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state.

An act for the benefit of widows.

An act to render proceedings on writs of mandamus and informations in the nature of quo warranto, more speedy and effectual.

An act to authorise the administrators of the estate of *Richard M. Heth*, dec'd. to sell and convey a portion of the estate of said decedant.

An act to settle certain differences in *Wayne county*.

An act amendatory to an act entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue;" approved January 28th, 1818.

An act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Courts.

A message from the Senate by *Mr. Cotton*.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed bill from this House entitled "an act limiting the action of ejectment," without amendment; and he withdrew.

The engrossed bill to amend the act regulating the inspection of flour, beef and pork, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Milroy asked and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution relative to banks, which was twice read and passed to a third reading on this day.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,--The Senate have passed a joint resolution authorising the secretary of State, to subscribe for certain reports of cases at law, and in chancery therein named, without amendment; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Hay from the Committee for enrolled bills reported that the enrolled bills, entitled as follows, were on this day presented to his Excellency the governor for his approval and signature, to wit:

An act to encourage the manufacturing of salt in this state.

An act for the benefit of widows.

An act to render proceedings on writs of mandamus and informations in the nature of quo warranto more speedy and effectual.

An act to authorise the administrators of Richard M. Heth, dec'd. to sell and convey a certain portion of the estate of said decedent.

An act to settle certain differences in Wayne county.

An act amendatory to an act entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue," approved Jan. 28th 1818.

An act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Courts, and for other purposes.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew,

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the president of the Senate has signed an enrolled bill entitled "an act to establish the permanent northern boundary of Daviess county."

Mr. Ross from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed, the enrolled bills entitled as follows, to wit:

An act for taking the enumeration of the white males above the age of twenty one years in this state.

An act to revive an act entitled "an act for the relief

of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the Records of the county of Knox, which was consumed by fire at Vincennes, in the year 1814," approved Sept. 7th. 1814.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of the late William Jones, dec'd. and

An enrolled joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on the subject of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county; and that the same are truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof, and the signature of the president requested.

Mr. Milroy from the Committee on banks, submitted the following report, to wit:

Mr. Speaker—Your Committee on the subject of banks, have to report that in the further prosecution of the duties assigned them, (believing that a full and comprehensive view of the situation of the several banks, and their branches, respectively) was necessary to enable a proper estimate of the solvency thereof, to be formed, addressed to the president and directors of the bank of Vincennes, the State Bank of Indiana, the following letter.

Corydon, Dec. 23d.

Gentlemen,—I am instructed by a Committee of the House of Representatives, appointed to inquire into the situation of the several banks of this state, of which I have the honor to be chairman, to request of you, a report of the state bank, and its branches, separate and unconnected with each other, and that those reports do specify the amount and character of all the debts and credits of those institutions, severally and particularly; the amount of specie on hand; the amount of discounts; the amount of deposits; the amount of paper on other banks; the amount of paper in circulation of each, and

where issued; and the amount of paper furnished to each branch by the mother bank.

Reports in conformity with the above is deemed necessary to elucidate the report of the state bank communicated by his Excellency the Governor, to the General Assembly.

A compliance with the request of the Committee who are acting under the direction of the House of Representatives, will confer an obligation on Gentlemen, yours, most respectfully.

SAMUEL MILROY, Chairman.

To which Communication, no answer or report has been received.

Your Committee are therefore unprepared to report any opinion as to the situation of the bank of Vincennes, the state bank of Indiana.

Your Committee also addressed the following letter to the president and directors of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Indiana, at Madison.

Gentlemen,—I am instructed by a Committee of the House of Representatives, appointed to inquire into the situation of the several banks in this state, of which I have the honor to be chairman, to request of you, a report of the situation of the institution under your direction.

It is requested that the report of the mother bank, and of the branch at Lawrenceburgh, be separate and distinct from each other.

And in addition to the general account of those banks, that the report of the Lawrenceburgh branch, shew the amount of paper furnished by the mother bank, for the use of that branch.

Your compliance with the request of the Committee who are acting under the direction of the House of Representatives, will be thankfully received by, gentlemen, yours, &c. respectfully,

SAMUEL MILROY, Chairman.

And in conformity with the request of the Committee, a report from that bank, has been received from which it would appear that the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Indiana, at Madison, is in a state of solvency. and that the debts due that institution, are well secured. The bank is certainly able to redeem all the paper that it has in circulation.

Your Committee are informed by the report, that that institution does not at present pay specie for its notes. How far the suspension of specie payments by the banks of neighboring states, render that measure necessary on the part of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Indiana, at Madison, your Committee are not prepared to decide.

Your Committee however would remark, that the course of conduct on the part of the banks generally, which render the notes of the parent bank, and the branches thereof, of unequal value, are in the opinion of your Committee unwarrantable, and that it is the duty of the bank, to adopt measures to answer equal credit and currency to the notes of the branches, with those of the mother banks.

Your Committee deem it inexpedient to make any other additional report, and therefore, request to be discharged.

Which report he handed in at the clerk's table, where it was read.

And the question being put,

Will the House concur in the said report?

It was determined in the negative,

And the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Ross and Evans, they were as follows, viz:

AYES.

Messrs. Evans,
Ewing,
Graham,
Lindley,

Maddox,
Milroy,
Ross, &
Thompson,—8.

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
 Blake,
 Chambers,
 Crisler,
 Dunbar,
 Grass,
 Hay,
 Hill,
 Holman,
 Jelly,

John,
 Lynn,
 Morgan,
 Salor,
 Sullivan,
 Sutherland,
 Thomasson,
 Warner, &
 Zenor,—19.

Mr. John, from the minority of the Committee on banks, submitted the following report.

Mr. Speaker,—The minority of the Committee on banks, report, that, from the documents referred to the Committee, they are of opinion, that the solvency of the bank of Vincennes, the state bank of Indiana, and of the Farmers and Mechanics' bank of Indiana, at Madison, is unquestionable, and that the circumstance of a suspension of specie payments by the Farmers' and Mechanics' bank of Indiana, at Madison, and the branches of the state bank generally, ought not to be construed to their disadvantage, inasmuch as the banks of the neighboring states, have generally suspended specie payments.

The minority of the Committee, further report, that the state bank of Indiana has never suspended specie payments; and an additional report would probably have been received from the state bank, if there had been sufficient time for the officers of that institution to have made out reports in detail, as requested by the chairman of the Committee on banks.

Which was read, and concurred in by the House, and on the question of concurrence, the ayes and noes being demanded by Messrs. Dunbar and Milroy, they were as follows:

AYES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Chambers,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Grass,
Hay,
John,

Lynn,
Sailor,
Sullivan,
Sutherland,
Thomasson,
Warner. &
Zenor,—15.

NOES.

Messrs. Evans,
Ewing,
Holman,
Lindley,

Maddox.
Milroy. &
Ross,—7

The Speaker laid before the House, the following communication from his Excellency the Governor.

To the House of Representatives of the State of Indiana.

Herewith I lay before the General Assembly, copies of a letter addressed to the Governor of Kentucky, renewing my demand of Robert Stephens, James Thompson, and Jesse Young, as fugitives from the justice of this state; which concludes, on my part, the correspondence with his Excellency on this subject.

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

January 21st, 1820.

STATE OF INDIANA.

Executive Office.

CORYDON, JANUARY 21st. 1820.

His Excellency Gabriel Slaughter,

SIR—Herewith I have the honor to renew my demand of Robert Stephens, James Thompson and Jesse Young, as fugitives from the justice of this state; and have intrusted such demand, on its behalf, together

with the accompanying documents, to a person in whom I have thought proper to place that confidence.

Since I addressed you my last letter, I have personally examined the original indictments on file, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of this county, under the immediate jurisdiction of which the indictments were found; and discover that the originals shew that every requisite of the law had been complied with, to evince that there was "evidence that they were found by the Grand Jury."

In your Excellency's letter of the 11th ultimo, it is intimated, that the conflicting policy of different states renders it, in some instances, a matter of difficult and delicate interference, and demands, in all cases, a compliance with the requisites of the law, before a citizen of one state should be deprived of his liberty, and unheard sent to another for trial. How this clashing policy can render it a matter of difficult and delicate interference to comply with the Constitution and Laws of the United States, which do not seem to require technical nicety in the evidence of a criminal charge, to support the demand of fugitives from Justice, is not easy to be comprehended. Although the documents which accompanied my former application, were considered insufficient by your Excellency, to support that demand, I persuade myself, that no objections will be made to the present; especially, when reference is had to the assurance given in the latter clause of your first letter on this subject.

In your last communication, you state, that the decision which you had formed, on the demand, arose not from any alleged circumstance of the case, but would have governed on a similar application from any *other* state, or for any other alleged crime. This assurance was entirely unnecessary, as my respect for your Excellency's character, precludes the idea, that in the discharge of the duties of your exalted station, you would suffer the circumstances of any case, or the source of any demand of this nature, to divert you from that line of con-

dict, which is marked out by the paramount authorities of the United States: or for a moment to permit partial distinctions to render you forgetful of the rights which the state of Indiana can never consent to relinquish. From a review of the correspondence emanating on my part, I can discover no portion of it, which will bear a construction so degrading to the government over which I have the honor to preside.

With your Excellency likewise, I shall forbear making any particular remarks on the circumstances marking the transaction which gave rise to the request, as they would not be otherwise than unpleasant to your feelings; and inasmuch as the Constitution and Laws of the United States are entirely silent as to the time when a demand shall be made: in relation to time, therefore, connected with this subject, upon which your Excellency has thought proper to criticise, allow me to take this occasion to inform you, that I shall hold myself accountable only to the Government and citizens, whom in this instance, I represent.

While the duties of my station compel me to urge the present application for the fugitives in question, permit me to assure your Excellency, that I shall, on all occasions, cultivate the friendly intercourse and urbanity of feeling between the sister states, on which the welfare of the Union so essentially depends. An object no less than the punishment and prevention of crimes, seems to have given rise to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, and the laws to enforce them, on the subject of bringing to trial persons charged with offences in one state, and having fled to another. Yet their well-meant provisions will not only fall short of their object, but will themselves prove sources of discord and dissention, unless they are observed in good faith, by the respective parties concerned in their execution. It is not denied, that the executive applied to, is, in some measure, to judge of the sufficiency of the document, on which the demand of the arrest of a citizen is founded; but it is

contended that his right ceases whenever it is ascertained that such document is a copy of an indictment found, or an affidavit made, before the proper authorities, charging the person or persons demanded, with having committed treason, felony, or other crime, certified as authentic by the proper authority of the state or territory from which the person or persons so charged, shall have fled. Such a document attends this application; and it is confidently believed, that your Excellency will render the persons charged, to take their trial under the laws of this state, leaving it to them and to their counsel to avail themselves of technical informalities, if any exist, in the instrument on which they shall be arraigned.

It would seem that fugitives from the justice of either of the states should, by the Constitution and Laws of the United States, be delivered up, and *unheard* sent for trial to the state or territory from whence such person or persons shall have fled; whether the indictment be defective or otherwise, with as much propriety as that any person, upon a defective indictment, should, unheard, be apprehended and brought to trial, if found within the proper bailwick of a sheriff.

With great respect, I have the
honor to be your Excellency's
obedient humble servant,

JONATHAN JENNINGS.

Which were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole, to whom was referred the report of the select Committee on the communications heretofore presented on the same subject.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that on this day, Jan. 21st, 1820, an enrolled bill entitled "an act to establish the permanent northern boundary of Daviess county," was presented to his excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker,—I am instructed to announce to you, that the Governor did, on the 21st January, approve and sign

An act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Courts, and for other purposes.

An act to encourage the manufacture of salt in this state.

An act for the benefit of widows.

An act to authorise the administrators of the estate of Richard M. Heth, dec'd. to sell and convey a certain portion of the estate of said decedant.

An act amendatory to an act entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue;" approved January 28th, 1818.

An act to settle certain differences in Wayne county.

An act to render proceedings on writs of mandamus and on informations in the nature of quo warranto, more speedy and effectual.

And the house adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—The President of the Senate has signed the enrolled bills entitled as follows, viz:

An act to revive an act, entitled "an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the records of the county of Knox, which was destroyed by fire at Vincennes, in the year 1814," approved Sept. 7th, 1814.

An act for the benefit of the heirs of the late William Jones, deceased.

An act for taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years, in this state, and

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, on the subject of the Seminary township of land in Gibson county.

Also, the Senate have passed a joint resolution autho-

rising the Governor of this state to draw for a part of the three per cent. fund.

On motion,

(The rule being dispensed with,) the said last mentioned resolution was three times read, and passed with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Merrill, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed bill, an enrolled bill entitled "an act to locate certain roads therein named," and that the same was truly enrolled.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed bill, an enrolled bill, entitled "an act making certain specific appropriations."

Also, a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the treasurer of state to receipt for certain monies therein named, and

An enrolled bill entitled "an act to prevent extortion and malicious mischief."

And that the same were truly enrolled.

Mr. Ross, from the same Committee, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed an enrolled bill entitled "an act to amend the act, entitled an act, concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over."

An enrolled bill entitled "an act limiting the action of ejectment."

And an enrolled joint resolution authorising the secretary of state to subscribe for certain reports of cases in law and chancery, therein named, and that the same were truly enrolled.

The joint resolution respecting banks, was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Mr. Milroy inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence,

On motion,

The House now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to authorise the Governor of this state to demand persons illegally taken from this state and held in slavery, from the executives of the other states and territories of the United States,

Mr. Morgan in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Morgan reported the bill without amendment

Ordered, That the said bill lie on the table.

The House now according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee to whom was referred the communications from his excellency the Governor, on the subject of the demand from the Governor of Kentucky, of certain fugitives from the justice of this state,

Mr. Graham in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Graham reported, that the Committee of the whole had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through therewith, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Leave was not granted.

And on motion,

The same was referred to Messrs. Sullivan, Danbar, and Merrill, to consider and report thereon to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

A message from the Senate by Drew.

Mr. Speaker.—The Senate have concurred in the amendment made by this House, to the joint resolution authorising the Governor to demand and receive a part of the three per cent. fund.

Mr. Ross asked and obtained leave to submit a joint resolution, providing for the safe keeping of the stationary of the General Assembly.

Which, (the rules being dispensed with,) was read three times, and passed.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof, and their concurrence requested.

Mr. Hay, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed an enrolled joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, authorising the Governor to draw for a part of the three per cent. fund, and that the same was truly enrolled.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed an engrossed joint resolution on the subject of banks, which originated in this House, with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House.

The said amendments were read, and on the question being put, will the House concur in the amendments? it was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—The President of the Senate has signed an enrolled bill, entitled "an act to locate certain roads therein named."

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed a joint resolution from this House, providing for the safe keeping of the stationary of the General Assembly, without amendment.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported, that an enrolled bill, entitled "an act locating certain roads therein named," was, on this day, presented to his excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Beggs.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate insist on their amendments made to the joint resolution on the subject of banks.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar,

Resolved, That the house adhere to their objections to the amendments aforesaid.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunbar inform the Senate.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew

Mr. Speaker—The President of the Senate has signed the enrolled bills entitled as follows, to wit:

An act limiting the action of ejectment.

An act to amend an act entitled “an act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over.”

An act making General appropriations for the year 1830

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, authorising the Treasurer of State, to receipt for certain monies therein named.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana.

An act making certain specific appropriations.

An act to prevent extortion and malicious mischief and for other purposes; and then he withdrew.

Mr. Ross from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that the Committee had examined and compared with the engrossed, the enrolled bills entitled “an act for the limitation of criminal prosecution,” and the enrolled bill entitled “an act for the relief of William and Larken Simms,” and that the same were truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That the Senate be informed thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker,—The President of the Senate has signed an enrolled bill entitled “an act for the limitation of criminal prosecution.”

And an enrolled bill entitled "an act for the relief of William Simms, and Larkin Simms;" and he withdrew.

Mr. Hay from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that the joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, authorising the Governor, to draw a part of the three per cent. fund. was this day presented to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Mr. Dunbar submitted the following report, to wit:

The Committee on stationary have contracted with Messrs. Brandon & McCullough, for the printing one hundred copies of the act amendatory to an act entitled "an act for assessing and collecting the revenue."

One hundred copies of the act fixing the time of holding courts, and three hundred copies of a list of the acts of the present General Assembly, upon the same terms as are contained in the contract for printing the journals of the present session.

On motion,

The House concurred in said report.

And the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday, January, 22d, 1820.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate adhere to their amendments made to an engrossed joint resolution relative to banks.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker,—I am directed to announce to you, that the Governor did on this day 22d. January, approve and sign an act to establish the permanent northern boundary of Daviess county.

An act to authorise the subscription of a certain num.

100 shares in the capital stock of the Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company.

An act authorising the boundry line of Clark county, to be surveyed, and

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, providing for the safe keeping of the Stationary of the General Assembly; and he withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Thomasson.

Resolved, That the public printer be authorised to strike five hundred copies of the Journals of the General Assembly at their present session.

Which was read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Thompson moved, for leave to introduce a resolution respecting the reception of certain monies into the Treasury, and the question on that motion being put.

It was determined in the negative, and the ayes and noes being demanded, the votes were as follows, to wit.

AYES,

Messrs. Evans,
Grass,
Graham,
Lindley,

Milroy,
Ross,
Sutherland, &
Thompson,—8

NOES.

Messrs. Allen,
Blake,
Crisler,
Dunbar,
Hay,
Hill,
Holman,
Jelly,

John,
Lynn,
Maddox,
Salor,
Sullivan,
Thomasson,
Warner, &
Zenor,—16.

Mr. Milroy moved that a Committee of free conference be appointed on the disagreement between the two Houses, on the subject of banks, which motion was decided in the negative.

Mr. Ross from the Committee for enrolled bills, reported that the said Committee had examined the joint resolution providing for the safe keeping of the Station-

ary of the General Assembly, and the act to authorise the boundary line of Clark county to be surveyed, and had found the same truly enrolled.

Whereupon,

The Speaker signed the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross inform the Senate thereof, and request the signature of the President thereto.

Mr. Ray from the Committee for enrolled bills reported, that the enrolled bills entitled as follows, were on this day presented to the Governor for his approbation and signature, to wit:

An act limiting the action of ejectment.

An act for the relief of William Simms, and Larkin Simms.

An act for the limitation of criminal prosecutions.

A joint resolution authorising the Secretary of State, to subscribe for certain reports of cases at law, and in chancery therein named.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over"

An act making general appropriations for the year 1820.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, authorising the Treasurer of State, to receipt for certain monies therein named.

A joint resolution of the state of Indiana.

An act to prevent extortion and malicious mischief, and for other purposes.

An act making certain specific appropriations.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Drew.

Mr. Speaker.—The president of the Senate has signed the enrolled bill entitled "an act authorising the boundary line of Clark county to be surveyed."

On motion by Mr. Sullivan.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, with a similar Committee to be appointed by the Senate, and inform him that the

General Assembly is about to adjourn, and to inquire of him if he has any further communications to make to them, previous to their adjournment.

Messrs. Sullivan and Evans were appointed that Committee.

Ordered, That *Mr. Sullivan* inform the Senate thereof, and request their concurrence.

On motion by *Mr. Dunbar*,

It was unanimously resolved, that the thanks of the House of Representatives, be given to the Hon. *Williamson Dunn*, for the correct, dignified and impartial manner in which he has discharged the difficult, and arduous duties of the Chair, during the present session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Hay from the Committee for enrolled bills reported; the enrolled bills entitled as follows, were on this day presented to his Excellency the Governor, for his approval and signature, to wit:

An act authorising the subscription of a certain number of shares to the capital stock of the *Jeffersonville Ohio Canal Company*.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, authorising the Governor to draw a part of the three per cent. fund.

An act for taking the enumeration of the white male inhabitants above the age of twenty one years in this state.

An act to revive the act entitled "an act for the relief of such persons as have suffered or may hereafter suffer by the destruction of the Records of the county of *Knox*, which were consumed by fire at *Vincennes* in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen;" approved Sept. 7th, 1814.

An act for the relief of the heirs of the late *William Jones*, deceased.

A message from the the Senate by *Mr. Pennington*.

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have adopted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, to act with a similar one appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two Houses of the General Assembly, are about to adjourn, and to enquire of him, if he has any further communications to make before their adjournment.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Speaker.—I am directed by the Governor to announce to you, that he did on this day, Jan. 22d, approve and sign,

An act for the relief of William Simms and Larkin Simms.

An act to prevent extortion and malicious mischief, and for other purposes.

An act making general appropriations for the year 1820.

An act making specific appropriations.

An act locating certain permanent roads therein named and for other purposes.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act concerning proceedings in ejectment, distress for rent, and tenants at will holding over."

An act for the limitation of criminal prosecutions.

An act limiting the action of ejectment.

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, authorising the Treasurer to receipt for certain monies therein named.

A joint resolution authorising the Secretary of State, to subscribe for certain reports of cases at law, and in chancery therein named, and

A joint resolution of the General Assembly of the state of Indiana.

Mr. Sullivan submitted the following report.

The joint Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inquire of him, whether he had any further communications to make to the General Assembly previous to their adjournment, have perform-

ed that duty, and have received for an answer, that he has no further communications of a public nature to make, but as an individual he prays, for the safe return of the members of the General Assembly, to their families and their friends.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Reverend Benjamin Adams, and request his attendance in the Representative Chamber, to deliver an appropriate prayer on this occasion, and also, that the same Committee request the attendance of the Senate.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Morgan and Warner, were appointed that Committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Pennington, a member.

Mr. Speaker,--The Senate have adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be informed that the Senate has gone through the business before them, and are ready to adjourn sine die.

And the House adjourned, *sine die*.

WILLIAM W. WICK,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.





